

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, center, NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns, left, and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., met Thursday in Brussels at the opening session of the annual yearend meeting of foreign ministers of the Atlantic alliance.

NATO Makes Invitation to Spain To Become 16th Alliance Member

By Leonard Downie Jr.

Washington Four Service
BRUSSELS — The NATO alliance Thursday took a historic step to make Spain its 16th member, an act intended to fill a strategic gap on the southwestern flank of the alliance in Europe and to strengthen democracy in post-Franco

In what NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns called "one of the most significant events in the life" of the alliance, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and representatives of the other 14 current NATO allies signed a formal invitation to Spain.

After this protocol of accession has been ratified by the U.S. Senate and other NATO parliaments and then is formally accepted by the Madrid government, Spain will become the first new NATO member since West Germany joined the alliance in 1955.

Reaffirming a Presence

The Spanish government, which has already signaled its willingness to join the alliance in a decision backed by its parliament after long debate, did so to "bring us back into European and democratic cireles and to strengthen the democratic system in Spain," Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca

He told North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign ministers meeting here that "Spain, having

democratic system with public freedoms and the respect of human rights," was joining NATO "to support those values and to reaffirm our presence in Europe and in the West."

Mr. Perez-Llorca said it was another major step for Spain, on the third anniversary of its democratic constitution, away from the dec-ades of Franco dictatorship when it "was kept apart from the political and defense institutions of the European and Atlantic community, whose values, culture and way of life [Spain] helped to shape in a

Mr. Luns said, The dedication of the Spanish government to the purposes and principles" of the NAPO alliance "and its expressed desire to join in the common effort sources of great reassurance for us

The ceremonial show of Western unity masked a number of internal disagreements and concerns at this NATO defense and foreign minis-

U.S. Request Rejected

While American officials said a closed-door briefing by U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze on the nuclear arms control talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva was "very well received" by the foreign ministers, the growing nuclear disarmament

researced, not without effort, a movement in Europe was an important subject of discussion in a later secret session of their meeting

Earlier this week, the European defense ministers rejected a U.S. request to double alliance spend-ing next year for construction of base facilities and other NATO infrastructure, and a disruptive public political rift developed between fellow NATO allies Greece and

Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou returned to Athens after blocking publication here Wednesday of the formal communiqué of the NATO defense ministers be-cause it did not satisfy his demand for a piedge by alliance members to protest Greece from attack by

Thursday, Turkish Defense said, "A Turkish threat to Greece is an absurd and preposterous proposition '

Greece withdrew from the NATO military command to pro-test the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus and returned only last year under an agreement negotiated by NATO's supreme European com-mander, Gen. Bernard Rogers.

Mr. Bayulken said that Mr. Papandreou did not make clear to him here whether his new Socialist government was now seeking to abrogate or renegotiate that agreement. Under it. Greece and Tur-

French Firm Signs Computer Deal With Russia Worth \$300 Million

By Joseph Fitchert

PARIS - A French firm, Thomton-CSF, has signed a controversial \$300-million computer deal with the Soviet Union to provide sophisticated monitoring equip-ment for the natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe, a company spokesman said Thurs-

The rechnological capability in the company's originally propos package was scaled down under french government pressure to prevent sensitive computer techboingy from passing to the Soviet Union and to guarantee approval for the sale by Cocom, the Western exports to the Seviet Union, a French government source said.

A Thomson spokesman refused to comment about whether the company modified its initial equipment puckage, which caused the French government to bold up the sale in October, "Government of ficials attended the contract signing, so they approved the sale," he said.

U.S. Alarm

Diplomatic sources said that, in response to U.S. government tlarm about the sale. French offiials have pledged to submit any items that might be strategically sensitive — particularly sophisticated software systems — to Co-

Confirming this, a French offi-cial, who spoke im condition that he not be identified, said the gov-rument was confident that the Jeal, in its new form, would be ap-proved, even if it leaves some loubts among U.S. hard-liners on

strategic trade. Details of the negotiations and he equipment have been kept seret because of the sale's political wertenes, Both the Soviet Union and French industry are eager to ten up business. France's new So-mails: povernment, however, has proved to tighten its control over

armed forces.

President Francois Mitterrand. according to French and U.S. government sources, signed an executive order in October instituting a more thorough bureaucratic review of potential sales, starting early in the negotiating process.

Initial Test Case

The Thomson sale has been an initial test case; officials are uncer-tain in assessing the outcome. "What it definitely showed," one well-placed official said, "is that the government needs to say clearly how far the company can go and the campany needs to be honest

Indian Diplomacy

New Delhi, apprehensive over the effects that India's strains

with Pakistan might have on South Asian neighbors, is

trying to improve ties in the region. Page 7.

Saving economic relations with Japan have reached a critical point, a U.S. official

warned Japan to move quickly

to open its markets to more U.S. goods or face a backlash

TOMORROW

Wondering what to give a for-eign friend for the holidays? A clock for a Chinese? Never, A

carving knife for a Brazilian?

among many tips in a guide written in the United States.

Tomorrow, an article in Week-end tells about the guide and

By no means. These are

in Congress. Page 13.

Gift Guide

how to set it.

Trade Warning

INSIDE

significantly modernize the Soviet with the government about what it

Thomson, which wrested the

joint commission, a top-level com-mercial meeting, in Moscow next With the new accord, which the

is promising the customer."

contract from a French rival, Matra, reportedly with a last-minute offer of superior technology, is in the process of being nationalized. Although negotiations are mov-ing slowly on the price of the pipeline gas, the sale could be concluded in time for the French-Soviet

Reagan administration has criti-cized, the Soviet Union will supply one-third of France's natural gas consumption by 1990.

U.S. Cites 'Danger' to Its Citizens

WASHINGTON - The Reagan administration, taking the first in a possible series of steps against Li-bya, Thursday called on U.S. citi-zens in Libya to leave that country and barred further travel by Americans to the North African coun-

try.

The action — prompted by what the State Department called "imminent danger" to Americans in Libya — was announced by Deputy Secretary of State William Clark. It followed weeks of mounting tension between the administration and the Libyan leader. Col. tration and the Libyan leader, Col. Moamer Qadhafi, who is accused by the United States of being a primary sponsor of global terrorism.

Meanwhile, an American columnist, Jack Anderson, listed 14 persons he said were terrorists sent by Col. Qadhafi to kill President

Mr. Clark said, "The United States recognizes the gravity of these steps but believes that Libyan actions oblige us to take them. Indeed, it would be irresponsible for the United States rment to do less."

Haig Expects

From Allies

Little Support

NATO Officials Told

Of Decision on Libya

By Bernard Gwertzman

New York Times Service
BRUSSELS — Secretary of State
Alexander M. Haig Jr. said Thursday that although the United
States would welcome allied sup-

port and understanding for its ac-tions against Libya he was re-

signed to being rebuffed by most

Speaking at a press conference

after the announcement in Wash-

ington of the decision to urge

Americans to leave Libya and to

ban future travel there by U.S. citi-

zens, Mr. Haig said that at the meeting of allied foreign ministers that began Thursday he had in-

tion's plans but was "not asking

In the closed-door session of

NATO ministers Thursday morn-

ing, Mr. Haig suggested a policy of "firmness" toward Libya.

foreign minister, replied that Italian relations with Libya "are inten-

"Italy, just as the other Europe

an partners, believes that at this

moment it is not useful to close any channel of communication,"

The Common Market ministers

had agreed. European officials

said, at an informal meeting of the

ber not to make any moves against

Libya. They had been informed by

Washington, the officials said, even at that time that the United

States was considering taking ac-

said could be the precursor of "po-

tential further steps" was also re-jected publicly by Claude Cheys-

son, the French minister of exter-

nal relations, who said that France's evaluation of Libya is

France in the past has been in

conflict with Libya primarily over Libyan activity in Chad and other

former French colonies. Mr.

Cheysson said, however, that Li-bya recently had embarked on a

more constructive policy by with-drawing its forces from Chad and

that such actions should be en-

couraged and at this time.

anite different.

The U.S. action, which Mr. Haig

Mr. Colombo reportedly said.

cording to Italian officials.

them to take parallel actions."

West European countries.

He said he has contacted execu-tive officers of U.S. corporations sures to require that Americans

with employees in Libya to discuss Col Qadhafi's "well-known ef-forts" to undermine U.S. interests and support for terrorism. "In the past six months, Libya

has broadened and accelerated its efforts to undermine neighboring states and to work against United States interests," he said. "Because of the danger which the Libyan regime poses to American citizens, the president calls upon all American citizens to leave

Mr. Clark made no direct mention of the reported assassination threat, saying only that concern for the safety of U.S. citizens had

increased in the last six months. The steps taken by the administration specifically entail an appeal to an estimated 1,500 Americans - including hundreds of oil company employees — in Libya and the invalidation of U.S. passports for travel to Libya.

"Also, the president is prepared

leave Libya, should that become necessary," Mr. Clark said. Marathon Oil Co. said Thursday

it was withdrawing its eight American employees and 11 dependents from Libya Marathon said the withdrawal of U.S. personnel would have no impact on its Libyan oil operations, which can be manued by Libyan technicians.

Mobil Corp., which has 35

Americans based in Tripoli and 62

other American citizens in Libya on a rotational basis, said it would not comment publicly "on what actions it might take" in reaction Libya as soon as possible," he addto the Reagan move restricting American travel to Libya and urg-

ing Americans to return home. Occidental Petroleum Co. said it would provide transportation for any employees who wished to leave. Occidental, with a workforce of about 300 in Libya, has 30 American employees and 56 U.S. dependents stationed there all

> A spokesman for Conoco said company officials had been invited to a White House meeting Friday

Sen. Claiborne Pell, of Rhode Island, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Thursday's action was "not particularly strong" and pre-dicted it would be followed by further measures to isolate the

Qadhafi regime.

Larry Speakes, deputy White
House press secretary, told reporters earlier Thursday that Mr. Reagan still wanted the Senate to delay action on a resolution advocating a cutoff of oil imports from

Our position is that we would not favor passage of an amend-ment at this time," said Mr. Speakes. "We would prefer to wait until after the review is complet-

Mr. Anderson, a syndicated columnist, said Thursday that a "defector professing to have direct knowledge of a Libyan plot has given U.S. authorities the names of given U.S. authornies in maines of 14 terrorists sent to kill Mr. Reagan and other U.S. officials. Mr. Anderson, appearing on U.S. television, displayed compos-

ite sketches of five of the alleged

nine others said to be the subjects of an intensive manhunt, Mr. Anderson said those pic-

tured were: Ahmed Jooma, na-tionality unknown; Ali Chafic, 35, a Lebanese carrying a Turkish passport; Ahmat Abass, 35, a Palestinian; Ibrahim el Haya, 36, an Iranian; and Luitz Schewesman, 56, an East German.

He identified only by name: Nabib Berry, a Libyan; Mohammed Shams-e-din, an Iranian; Soulaymane Hassan, an Iranian; Omar Sabruhui; Feysal Fouad; Abou Ali; Choumaly Saleh; Husayni Hassan; and Saleh Hassan. CBS News quoted sources

Wednesday as saying the alleged assassination team is "now sitting in Mexico." Mexican and U.S. diplomatic officials said they had no knowledge of such a group in Mex-

OPEC to Hear Libya

ABU DHAB! (UPI) — OPEC oil ministers failed Thursday to resolve differences over pricing but extended their two-day meeting to consider Libyan complaints about U.S. policy toward the Qadhafi re-

Kremlin Tells Alexeyeva to File for Visa Academician Reports

Sakharov in No Peril

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — The president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Anatoli P. Aleksandrov, Thursday told the young woman at the cen-ter of Andrei D. Sakharov's hunger strike that the 60-year-old physicist and his wife have halted their fast and are "in no danger" in a hospital on a diet of fruit juice.

A short while later, Liza Alexeyeva, on whose behalf Mr. Sakharov declared the fast, received a note from the government visa office here telling her to appear Friday morning with the usual requirements for a Soviet citizen being issued an emigration permit - her passport, two photographs and 210 rubles, the equivalent of about \$298.

Together, the two developments appeared to be indirect confirmation of what Miss Alexeyeva was told Wednesday by an officer of the state security police, the KGB. In a meeting at KGB headquar-ters, the officer, Alexander V. Baranov, said Mr. Sakharov had ended his hunger strike after 17 days on being told Miss Alexeyeva would receive an exit visa, the de-mand set by Mr. Sakharov when he launched the fast on Nov. 22.

If Miss Alexeyeva receives her visa, she will be free to leave for the United States within days. She will be heading for Newton, Mass., where she will join Alexei Semyonov, Mr. Sakharov's 25-year-old stepson, to whom she was married by proxy in a Montana ceremony several months ago. When he launched his fast, Mr. Sakharov said he considered Miss Alexeyeva to have become a "hostage" to his position as one of the country's leading human rights activists.

'A Little Relieved'

The developments fell short of formal confirmation that the Soviet government had chosen to bring an end to the hunger strike by meeting Mr. Sakharov's demand But they removed some of the doubt that arose after Miss Alexeyeva's meeting with the KGB of-ficer on Wednesday, which led the 26-year-old Moscow woman to say Thursday morning that she feared the KGB was "spinning a yarn" to dispel the alarm over the hunger strike among Mr. Sakharov's friends and supporters here and in

"I am a little relieved," Miss Alexeyeva said after the telephone conversation with Mr. Aleksan-drov, the 78-year-old president of the Academy of Sciences. After refusing appeals from Mr. Sakharov and others to intervene in the dispute, arguing that it was the "gov-ernment's business," Mr. Aleksan-drov apparently changed his mind earlier this week, telling Miss Alexeyeva in a call Monday that he had appealed to higher authorities after arning Mr. Sakharov and his wife were in a "serious" plight.

On Thursday, the academy president issued an official statement on the affair through his office, the first time there has been any for-mal recognition of the academy's link with Mr. Sakharov, who re-mains a full member of the elite body despite having been stripped of all other honors bestowed on him by the Kremlin for his 20 years as one of the country's top nuclear weapons specialists. From the moment 22 months ago when the physicist was banished to Gorki. 250 miles (400 kilometers) east Moscow, the academy had

The statement was read on the elephone to reporters by Yevgeni Tabakevev, the academy's spokes-(Communed on Page 2, Col. 6)

Two armed Israeli soldiers patrol a deserted street of Rafah in the Gaza Strip.

Israel Breaks a Strike by Arabs; But Emilio Colombo, the Italian **Egyptians Appeal for New Tactics** sive" and longstanding even though they are often difficult, ac-

By William Claiborne Washington Post Service

ISRAELI-OCCUPIED GAZA Israeli security forces broke an eight-day commercial strike by Arab shopkeepers here Thursday by welding shut the doors to scores of businesses and threatening mass prosecutions, but Palestinian nationalist leaders vowed to continue resistance to a new occupation authority and the imposition of an Israeli sales tax.

Egypt, meanwhile, complained that harsh measures being taken by Israel in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were "not conducive" Palestinian participation in Middle East peace negotiations. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said after an Egyptian technical committee left Cairo for Tel Aviv to resume autonomy negotiations that Egypt had explained repeated-ly to the Israeli government that concrete measures" were needed to ease tensions in the occupied

territories. As army patrols with two dieselpowered acetylene units moved slowly up and down Gaza's main nercial street looking for the

few remaining shops that had not already been welded closed, Arab merchants scurried to open their steel shutters to avoid either a forced closing for 50 days or a se-curity-violation charge that could bring five years' imprisonment.

180 who were summoned to military government headquarters Wednesday and warned of prosecution if they did not abandon the strike hammered open the welded doors in an effort to resume business before the military government applied new penalties.

Palestinian leaders said that it

was the harshest crackdown against a commercial strike by the military government in either the Gaza Strip or the West Bank since Israel occupied the territories in the 1967 Six-Day War.

they have the weapons and they have the prisons. We feel that we are in a large concentration

Other shopkeepers among the

have the force to break the strike." Gaza Mayor Rashid Shawa said. He added, "They have the force,

We cannot strike forever. They

steel doors as a deterrent against further illegal strikes and as a punishment for those merchants who heeded calls by militant nationalists to shut down commerce in The military government main-tains that if merchants are allowed to close their businesses with im-

The Israeli military authorities

said that they used the technique

of welding shut the shopkeepers

punity, the disobedience of regulations forbidding strikes will spread to schools and other sectors of society and lead to chaos.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon ordered the head of the recently imposed civilian administration in Gaza, Brig. Gen. Yosef Luntz, to end civil disobedience, which had spread from Gaza city to the rest of the densely populated strip. As the strike spread, similar protests were held in the West Bank in a display of support of the Gaza In the West Bank, the munici-

palities of Nablus, Hebron, Jenin, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

BOEING 727 By Fred Barbash WASHINGTON — Chief Justice Warren E. Burger openly dis-cussed "issues before the court" with President Richard M. Nixon, Attorney General John N. Mitchell and presidential assistant John D. Ehrlichman in the White



SURRENDER IN BEIRUT - Three men who bijacket a Libyan airliner give victory salutes. They were protesting the disappearance of a Shiite Moslem leader. Story, Page 2.

Burger, Nixon Talked Of Cases, Ex-Aide Says

House, according to galley proofs of Mr. Ehrlichman's memoirs.

Mr. Ehrlichman says the discussions occurred on several occasions and, according to notes he says he kept, included the subject school busing at a time whe the government was involved in busing cases before the Supreine Court. It is considered improper for a judge or justice to discuss pending issues outside the judicial process

Mr. Ehrlichman also says that Justice Burger was so eager to be-come chief justice in 1969 that he was even willing to create another vacancy when Nixon wanted one" by agreeing to step down before

Mr. Nixon left office.

"If Burger was confirmed as

chief justice he would serve for a time and then step down. Nixon told me a few days prior to Burger's confirmation," Mr. Ehrlichman writes. "The president said he had Burger's promise that Burger would retire before Nixon did so that Nixon could then appoint another, younger chief jus-tice to carry the Nixon mandate far beyond the Burger and Nixon

No Burger Comment

Mr. Burger said Wednesday through a spokesman that he would not comment on the Mr. Ehrlichman's allegations. "In answer to your query, the general practice here is not to respond to llegations, especially where former litigants are involved, and that will be done in this case, too," said Barrett McGurn, court spokes-

But Mr. Mitchell on Wednesday disputed the allegations, saying he recalled no meeting at which Supreme Court issues were discussed.

Walesa Declares Solidarity Will Stand Firm

From Agency Dispatches
WARSAW — Solidarity leader
Lech Walesa declared Thursday his independent union "cannot retreat any more" in the face of unrelenting assaults by Poland's Communist regime.

As he entered a meeting of the union presidium in Gdansk, Mr. sa said, "We do not want confrontation but we cannot retreat any more. We cannot be passive any longer as this would be detri-mental for the union." He empha-sized that strikes, not violence, were the union's only weapons.

charged that Soviet security was directly threatened by counter-revolutionary elements in Poland and condemned the Roman Catholic Church for allegedly fanning anti-Communist sentiment.

In its harshest attack since the summer on Solidarity, Tass accused the union of sending emissaries to southern Poland to dis-

BEIRUT - Shouting "Death to

that dog" Moamer Qadhafi, three

weary Moslem Shiite gunmen sur-

rendered Thursday, ending their three-day hijacking of a Libyan airliner to protest the disappear-ance of their spiritual leader,

After the hijackers surrendered, the 42 hostages, including eight crew members, flew on to

Damascus for a rest before return-ing to Tripoli, Libya, their original

destination. All were reported in

good condition but exhausted

from the 6,000-mile forced flight that the hijackers had named "Op-

The incident began Monday.

when the three gunmen took over

the plane over Italy during a rou-

tine slight from Zurich to Tripoli.

It was forced to land in Beirut,

where a pregnant woman and two

children were released, and then in

Athens and Rome before returning

On to Tehran

The plane went on to Tehran, where it discharged three passengers and headed back to Beirut

again, where the hijackers forced

the pilot of the Boeing 727 to land

without runway lights or control-

tower assistance.
In Beirut, leaders of the Amal

paramilitary Shiite organization, a

senior Syrian Army commander

and the sister of their missing relig-ious leader negotiated with the gunmen from the control tower. The hijackers said that they were

not members of the group Amal,

but belonged to the previously un-known "Special Forces of Sadr."

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eration Jerusalem.

3-day Hijacking Ends

With Beirut Surrender

an reasons."

here in three days.

tribute "anti-government, anti-So-cialist and anti-Soviet" materials. The severity of last summer's Kremlin denunciations raised fears in the West that the Soviet Union

In a rare criticism of Poland's Catholic Church, Tass accused Polish priests of holding services aimed at discrediting "actions of the government in defense of So-

might send in troops to ensure or-

"At the same time, attacks on the allied ties of Poland are being stepped up and demagogical demands are being made for Po-land's withdrawal" from the Sovi-et-led Warsaw Pact and the Comecon economic group, Tass de-

Soviet security has been threat-ened, it said, by calls "for using the lines of communications passing through Polish territory to pres-sure Poland's allies." Tass apparently referred to rail and commu-

"For God's sake, get this over," the Chilean pilot, René Bobe, 54,

screamed over the radio before the

surrender. "End it for humanitari-

The hijackers, who had been

armed with submachine guns, gre-nades and tear gas, gave up five bours after their final landing in

Beirut. It was their third landing

The three men, who appeared to

be in their early 20s, left the jet shouting, "Death to that dog. Death to that criminal, agent

Qadhafi." They were arrested by Syrian troops of the Arab Deter-

The hijacking was the sixth by the Shiite Moslem followers of the

missing imam since he disappeared

three years ago, but the first in-

volving a Libyan plane. The three hijackers, identified as Lebanese

named Hamze, Ali and Munir, and

the rest of Lebanon's 900,000-member Shiite Moslem communi-

ty charge that Col. Qadhafi kid-

napped Imam Sadr, their Iranian-

Libyan authorities, however, say

that the religious leader left Libya

for Italy. Italian authorities con-

firm that someone using Imam

Sadr's name and passport arrived

in Rome, but they do not know if

Thursday, Libya said that it had

nothing to do with the disappearance of Imam Sadr and in an an-

grily-worded statement distributed

here by its "brotherbood bureau" (embassy) told the hijackers that

they could "go to Mars," and re-

peated accusations that they were

it was actually the imam.

born leader, on a visit to Libya.

rent Force in Lebanon.

nication lines running through Po-land to East Germany, where the Red Army maintains troop con-centrations.

failed to bring Solidarity and the Communist authorities back to the negotiating table.

One of the intermediaries be-

Some "provocative elements" are questioning the "existing Soviet-Polish border" and "maliciously smear" the Red Army's liberation of Poland from Nazi invaders, Tass said.

Solidarity's national leadership commission, which meets Friday in Gdansk, is expected to approve launching a general strike if the government gets and uses "extraordinary" powers, including a

The government apparently has dropped consideration of the strike ban at least temporarily, as the emergency bill is not on the agenda of the next two sessions of the Sejm (parliament) this month. Mr. Walesa was speaking after returning from Warsaw, where his talks Wednesday with the Polish primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp,

New Silver Coin Is Authorized By U.S. Senate

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Legislation to authorize a George Washington half-dollar commemorating the 250th anniver-sary of the first president's birth has been approved by the Senate and sent to President

Reagan.
The coin would be minted only in 1982 and 1983, and although it would be legal tender rather than a purely commemorative item, it could be worth far more than 50 cents because it would be 90-percent silver.

The legislation stipulates that the coin be sold for 20 percent more than what it costs the government to make and distribute it, with profits helping to pay off the more than \$1-trillion national debt. It would sell for approximately \$10.

The legislation authorizes issuance of up to 10 million Washington half-dollars. The coin would be the first new one minted in the United States since the government's unsuccessful experiment with the Susan B. Anthony dollar in 1979.

ATHENS - The New Democracy Party, which was swept out of power in general elections in Octo-ber, has elected former Defense Minister Evangelos Averoff to replace George Rallis as its leader.

Mr. Averoff, 71, received 67 votes Wednesday from the party's parliamentary group to 32 for Cos-

one of the internediants between Solidarity and the government, Catholic deputy Janusz Zablocki, who met both the archbishop the and Communist Party leader, Wojciech Jaruzelski, Wednesday, was quoted by the Interpress news agency as saying that a ray of hope remained, but he saw little grobability in the near future little probability in the near future of another meeting among the church. Solidarity and the Communist authorities.

The apparent temporary govern-ment backing down on a strike ban came after Archbishop Glemp sent a letter to every parliament mem-ber and to Gen. Jaruzelski warning that passage of the law "could lead to a wave of strikes with unknown and unforeseeable range and con-

Meanwhile, the anti-Communist Confederation of Independent Po-land issued a manifesto Thursday calling for a mass social resistance movement. About 1,000 people took part in a confederation scheduled march in Katowice, held primarily to demand the release of socalled political prisoners, including confederation leader Leszek Moczulski, organizers said.

The confederation, in a communiqué telexed to news agencies, said a "determined, massive offensive" action was the only way to rescue Poland from a "counter-revolutionary" offensive launched by

the Communist Party.

It said the party had "regained the initiative" and alleged that "direct preparations for a confrontation by force are being carried

The Communist Party paper Trybuna Ludu wrote Thursday, "Solidarity leaders demonstrate constant concern over their popularity and this is most easily gained through negation, through a resounding no.

"But how much longer can this no continue when more and more people in Poland begin to realize that such posture can only lead to

catastrophe," the paper asked.

The deputy marshal of parliament, Piotr Stefanski, told the official PAP news agency that a new law setting strict rules for calling strikes seemed sufficient now. But he added that the parliament would also consider a special powers act for the government when it was instructed to do so by the party in the form of a formal motion.

Greek Opposition Picks New Leader

tas Stefanopoulos, a former minister to the premier, and 12 for former Coordination Minister Ioannis Boutos, a party spokesman Mr. Averoff's election followed

a vote of no confidence Monday against Mr. Rallis, who then resigned as leader of the rightist parfounded after the restoration of democracy in 1974.

Republicans Join Vote for Foreign Aid

\$5.7 Billion in Funds **Authorized by House** By Martin Tolchin

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — With many Republicans voting for their first foreign aid bill, the House heeded President Reagan's plea and ap-proved a \$5.7-billion foreign and

authorization for fiscal 1982.

The Wednesday night vote was 222 to 184. The measure would have been defeated without the support of 97 Republicans, including the support of the support ing staunch conservatives who had previously railed against foreign aid. But 86 Republicans defied the president and maintained their party's tradition of voting against such assistance.

The Democrats, who waited for

the Republicans to cast their votes before voting themselves, also voted uncharacteristically. A total of 125 supported the measure, but 98 voted against it, some casting their first votes against foreign aid.
"It was a loyalty test on the Republican side," said Edward J. Derwinski, Republican of Illinois, second-ranking minority member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. "The Democrats engaged in a little bit of old-fashioned posturing.

lunches and giving money to foreigners'.' Conference Set

They'll go home and say, Look,

the Republicans are cutting school

The Senate has approved \$5.8 billion in foreign aid authorization, and the measures now will be sent to a House-Senate conference to resolve differences in the two

Mr. Reagan again asked for support at a White House meeting Wednesday morning with Republi-

can leaders. The vote was considered a bellwether for another, expected Thursday, on a foreign aid appro-priation bill. Republicans traditionally oppose such legislation and Democrats withdrew their support in recent years in the face of reductions in domestic pro-

But harmony prevailed on the House floor, as Republicans and Democrats withdrew some controversial amendments and approved the remainder by voice vote rather than by more time-consuming electronic votes that place the mem-

bers on record.

The bill authorizes \$6 billion in fiscal 1982 and \$6.2 billion in fiscal 1983 for foreign military, development and economic assistance programs. The 1982 authorization is \$1.1 billion more than the fiscal 1981 authorization, \$654.1 million less than the administration's original request and \$299 million more than the administration's revised budget request in September.

Of the total, \$1 billion is earmarked for military assistance programs; \$2.5 billion for economic assistance; \$1.9 billion for development assistance and the remainder for programs such as international disaster assistance and international narcotics control; \$105 million was earmarked for the Peace Corps; and \$343 million for the Agency for International Development and the International Development Cooperation Agen-

vote an amendment by Stephen G. Solarz, Democrat of New York, prohibiting military aid or sales to countries with a pattern of intimi-dating or harassing individuals in the United States.



Alexei Semvonov reacted happily in Washington to reports that his wife may be allowed out of the Soviet Union.

Kremlin Tells Alexeyeva to File for Visa

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man. It said: "Dr. Sakharov and Miss [Yelena] Bonner [Mr. Sa-kharov's 58-year-old wife] have ended their hunger strike. They are presently in hospital under medi-cal supervision. They are receiving a special diet for a few days before they can return to a normal regime of eating. The state of their health is satisfactory."

Later, Miss Alexeyeva made her call to Mr. Aleksandrov and received additional details. Miss Alexeyeva said that the academy president told her the Sakharovs had told the hospital administration that they wanted to end their hunger strike," and that they were now taking fruit juice and were out of danger. He did not say how he had learned this, nor did he reveal which hospital admitted the cou-

Earlier, Miss Alexeyeva was summoned for the second day in a row to KGB headquarters to see Mr. Baranov, who has played a prominent role in the KGB handling of the Sakharov case since Jan. 22, 1980, when Mr. Sakharov was picked up on a Moscow street and flown to Gorki to begin his indefinite term of administrative exile. Mr. Baranov's purpose was to tell Miss Alexeyeva that a KGB ban on her traveling to Gorki would be lifted for her to visit the Sakharovs on Dec. 14.

Miss Alexeyeva said the KGB officer gave her no additional details about the affair, other than confirming for the first time that the hospital involved was in Gorki.

Russia Convicts 2 In Smuggling Case

MOSCOW - Two West German truck drivers were sentenced to Soviet labor camps after they were convicted of smuggling more than \$4.5 million in currency and goods in and out of the Soviet Un-

A Moscow court on Wednesday sentenced one of the men to five years in a camp for hard labor, and the other to three years in a regular camp. Several Soviet citizens who The House approved by voice testified during the trial faced separate proceedings for their part in the operation.

The two drivers worked for a Bonn company that shipped office equipment and foreigners' person-al effects to and from Moscow.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

15 Reported Dead in Lebanon Blasts

BEIRUT - Three explosions struck Lebanon's northern port city of

Tripoli Thursday and first reports said 15 persons were killed and several others wounded, some critically, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman also said unidentified gummen killed 11 persons from one family in their beds Thursday and injured five others in a dawn raid in Adbal, 16 miles northeast of Tripoli. A Lebanese soldier was among

Reports from Tripoli gave no details about the blasts or what caused them, the spokesman said. A spate of car bombs has claimed 148 lives in Lebanon since September, by police count.

China Continues Line on UN Chief

United Press Interna PEKING - China said Thursday that it will continue supporting Third World candidates for the United Nations secretary-general's post, no matter what "complicated and torthous" situations emerge.

China's repeated vetoes forced incumbent Kurt Waldhe draw his bid for another term as secretary-general. The United States, which was locked in more than a monthlong dispute with China over the selection process, vetoed the candidate preferred by China, Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim.

With both men now withdrawn, other candidates have entered the field and China said that its alignment with the Third World would continue to guide its actions.

U.S. Halts Draft Law Prosecutions

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Thursday it has decided not to prosecute young men for failing to register for the draft until the White House decides whether to recommend ending the manda-

tory registration procedure. The decision was announced only a day before some U.S. attorneys were scheduled to go before grand juries and seek indictments of men who refused to register. The number of eligible men who have failed to register has been privately estimated at 800,000, but government figures

A Justice Department spokesman said 161 cases were "in the pipeline" although only a handful were to be presented to grand juries Friday. Young men are required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

House Votes Gas Financing Package

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — A special financing package for the \$43-billion Alaska natural gas pipeline was passed Thursday by the House, in an unusual second vote needed to overcome parliamentary obstacles, and

sent to President Reagan The vote was 230 to 188. A vote of 233 to 173 approving the package Wednesday in effect was voided by a parliamentary tactic of opponents. The package, proposed by Mr. Reagan in October, is designed to attract billions of dollars in private construction loans for the 4,800-mile pipeline, intended to bring Alaskan natural gas to the lower 48 states.

Financiers have been reductant to back the project, saying it is too large and that more assurances are needed to ensure a return on their investment. The package would waive antitrust and pricing laws to shift much of the financial risk from lenders to consumers.

5 Spanish Officers Lose Commands

MADRID — Five Spanish Army captains who signed a manifesto sympathetic to plotters of February's abortive military coup have been relieved of their commands, the army's official bulletin said Thursday. The five were among 100 junior and noncommissioned officers who signed the manifesto published on the eve of Constitution Day celebra-

tions Sunday. It also coincided with the absence of King Juan Carlos,

away on a tour of the Gulf states. Military chiefs immediately ordered that the signatories be placed under house arrest for two weeks and warned of dire consequences for anyone else in the armed forces supporting the manifesto.

Arrests Made in S. Africa Bombings

The Associated Press DURBAN, South Africa — Police have arrested several members of the banned African National Congress in connection with a series of bomb explosions in Durban this year, officials announced Thursday.

Police would not say how many members of the black nationalist organization had been arrested, but the South African Press Association reported more than six had been seized, including whites, blacks and

Police also said they had seized a large quantity of Communist-made weapons, ammunition and explosives, including AK-47 automatic rifles and hand grenades.

Japan, Soviet Union to Hold Talks

TOKYO - Japan and the Soviet Union next month will hold their. first official meetings since the Soviet incursion in Afghanistan in December, 1979, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

The talks are to be held Jan. 20-21 in Moscow. The Soviet delegation

will be headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai P. Firyubin, and Japan will be represented by Keisuke Yanagiya, a Foreign Ministry deputy vice minister, the spokesman said.

Japan was expected to bring up its claims to four of the Kuril Islands off northern Japan, which have been occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945. Working-level talks between the two countries were last held in

Israel Breaks an Arab Strike; Book Reports Egypt Appeals on Tactics

(Continued from Page 1) Anabta and Tulkarm called a strike that Israeli radio quoted Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka as saying was in response to Israeli policy in Gaza and the new civil administration there, The Associated Press reported from Tel Aviv. There were several stone-throw-

ing incidents and demonstrations in the West Bank, the military said, but no damages or casualties were reported. In Ramallah, north of Jerusalem, Arab youths burned a tire, they said.]
The confrontation began two

weeks ago when Gaza physicians, veterinarians and pharmacists objected to a new 12-percent Israeli value added tax, saying that it was illegal under the 1949 Geneva Convention for an occupying analysis in the convention of the c thority to impose new taxes. The Gaza Medical Society has ap-pealed the tax before Israel's Supreme Court

Shopkeepers and the municipality joined the general strike when army troops welded shut several pharmacies, and the conflict develpharmacies, and the conflict developed into a series of demonstrations, including one in nearby Rafiah, where a 16-year-old student
was killed by a soldier and two
other students were wounded.

After Gaza shops began reopening Thursday, the Medical Society
met with officials of the military
government and agreed to end its

government and agreed to end its strike as long as physicians and pharmacy owners were not pro-secuted. The authorities agreed also to suspend the imposition of the sales tax until the Supreme Court decides the issue.

Later, the municipal council met and demanded that a promise of and demanded that a promise of immunity from prosecution be ap-plied to shopkeepers and students who had been charged with violat-ing the anti-strike law. Mr. Shawa said that if the condition was not met, the entire Municipal Council
wwould resign. He said that 400
students had been arrested in Gaza
in the last three days.

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Medicardwick for the Pyrenees
between France and Spain, voted

as a protest of the Israeli tax, that issue quickly became secondary to a general resistance to the installarea's 35,000 citizens.

military government. The separa-tion of civilian and military func-tions in Gaza and the West Bank is part of Defense Minister Sharon's plan to prepare the way for auton-omy — a provision of the Camp David peace process that has been rejected by Palestinian leaders.

Mr. Shawa said that although

the strike appeared to have been broken, it had been the most effective display of civil disobedience in Gaza since 1967.

Three years ago, they welded a few shops and the owners begged to be allowed to reopen. This time they [the Israelis] expected the same thing to happen, and the peo-ple didn't beg," Mr. Shawa said.

Arabs Irked by Cheysson

BEIRUT (AP) — Arab countries and the PLO protested Thursday against French Foreign Minis-ter Claude Cheysson's statements in Israel on Europe's role in the

Middle East conflict.

Kuwait and the Palestine Liberation Organization sought clarifi-cations from the French government and the Syrian government newspaper, Tishrin, charged that Mr. Cheysson's declarations were "a serious reversal" of French poli-cy in the Middle East. The Sandi Arabian press was also critical of Mr. Cheysson's statement. What aroused Arab anger was his call on Europe to abstain from

interfering in the conflict. Centrists, Progressives Win Andorra Election

Resters
ANDORRA LA VELLA — Moderates and progressives have won a majority on Andorra's 28-member ruling General Council,

Burger, Nixon ment on Nov. 1 of a new Israeli Held Talks

(Continued from Page 1) "I can't conceive of the chief jus-tice over at the White House disthe over at the winte House dis-cussing cases before the court. Cer-tainly I was not a party to it," Mr. Mitchell said.

He also said Mr. Ehrlichman

was the one who proposed asking Mr. Burger to step down before Mr. Nixon left office, and that the Mr. Burger. "It was a cute idea Ehrlichman came up with," Mr. Mitchell said.

The comments about Mr. Burger are contained in a chapter of "Witness To Power," Mr. Ehrlichman's recounting of the workings of government during the Nixon administration. The book is scheduled for publication in March or April. Mr. Ehrlichman declined com-

ment on any aspect of the book. But Michael Korda, editor in chief at Simon and Shuster, the publisher, said "nothing substantive" will

be changed.

Mr. Nixon's office said the former president would have no com-

Mr. Ehrlichman, Mr. Nixon's former domestic adviser, was con-victed of involvement in the Watergate scandal and served a prison term in part for falsely testilying before a grand jury.

If Justice Burger had contacts with the Nixon White House, he would not have been the first Su-

preme Court justice to maintain such a line of communication. Former Justice Abe Fortas was said to have had regular contact with Lyndon B. Johnson, and the late Justice William O. Douglas communi-cated with presidents during his tenure on the court.

In the galley proofs, Mr. Ehrlichman describes Justice Burger as "a man with aggrandizing tendencies." He says Justice Burger repeatedly present the White House to support him in efforts to give an annual televised "state of the judiciary" speech before Congress. "We were not about to sponsor



Warren E. Burger

the Warren Burger Show on prime-time," Mr. Ehrlichman writes. "Burger tried to sell his idea all over the city of Washington with-cut success."

out success."

Mr. Ehrlichman says Justice

Burger also tried unsuccessfully to
secure the use of presidential airplanes for his travels, including a trip to Europe.
"Burger did not permit minor

disappointments over speeches or airplanes to impair his friendship with the president." Mr. Ehrlich-man writes. "As an aspect of this campaign he sent a steady stream campaign he sent a steady stream,
of notes and letters to Nixon,
many of them through my office."
In turn, "The president and
John Mitchell made a constant effort to keep in touch with Burger.
The president had a notion that Burger's decisions on cases before the court were not always worked out with sufficient clarity." Mr.

Ehrlichman writes.

"On several occasions Nixon, Mitchell and I openly discussed with the chief justice the pros and cons of issues before the court."

In legal terminology, discussion of pending issues outside the confines of the judicial process and without the presence of other parties to a case is called ex parte; communication. The American communication. The American's Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct says that, except as au-thorized by law, no judge should; "initiate or consider proceeding."

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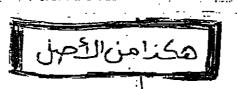
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Bonn Leader Hopes To Renew Dialogue

BONN — Chancellor Helmut ichmidt travels to East Germany riday for the first top-level East-West German encounter on Gernan soil in 11 years.

The chancellor has staked a reat deal on maintaining the dis-ogue between East and West, par-icularly in times of tension such as the aftermath of the Soviet inervention in Afghanistan two

He and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher have met leaders from nearly all Soviet-bloc states in the last few months, while he chanceror win meet states lent Reagan in the United States he chancellor will meet with Presi-

But while other East-West exchanges have continued, the chansellor's three days of talks with Communist Party leader Erich Honecker will be the first between East and West German leaders since 1970.

Brandt's 1970 Visit

Relations between the German states have been put on a more normal footing since former Chan-cellor Willy Brandt's visit to Erfurt in March, 1970. But they remain more susceptible than others to "shifts in overall East-West rela-tions, a vulnerability highlighted by two postponements of the Schmidt-Honecker meeting in the last two years - first because of Afghanistan and then following la-

The chancellor believes the two Germanys, on the sensitive edges of the East-West divide, have a special duty to promote peace and security in Europe. But he cautioned last week against exaggerated expectations from his talks with Mr. Honecker.

Mr. Brandt's Erfurt meeting beralded a change in inter-German relations. A package of accords, in-cluding the 1971 four-power Berlin agreement and the 1972 East-West German "basic treaty," helped stabilize life in the former German capital and opened up the prospect of travel between East and West.

But the movement has been mostly one-way — from West to East — and even this has been curtailed since October of last year, when East Germany more than doubled the amount of hard currency Westerners must exchange on visits to the East.

This was clearly in the chancelor's mind when he spoke last week of overcoming setbacks in inter-Serman relations.

Bonn wants East Berlin to abolsh the increase but denies reports eached to cut it back and virtually diminate the exchange levy for pensioners, children and invalids.

Schmidt Visit Head of UN's Refugee Body in E. Germany Accepts Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO — King Olav V formally presented the 1981 Nobel Peace Prize Thursday to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for helping the world's 16 million victims of war, poverty and persecution. It was the second time the office has won the award

Poul Hartling, the high commissioner of the body, accepted the \$180,000 prize, which he said would go toward the purchase of medical equipment for refugees who are crippled.

"We will use the funds to provide hospital care, artificial limbs, wheelchairs," said Mr. Hartling, a former Danish premier who has held the UN post since 1978.

Mr. Hartling cited growing refugee colonies in Latin America, Africa and Asia as matters to be faced by the refugee commission.

John Sanness, the Nobel Peace Committee chairman, said the group would continue to be crucial in the future. "In the years that lie ahead, also, we shall encounter men and wom-en on the run," he said.

The refugee office was founded in 1951. It won the 1954 peace prize for its resettlement of Europeans left homeless by World War II.

Ten other Nobel laureates, six of them U.S. citizens, received their gold medals, diplomas and checks from Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf in Stockholm later Thursday.

The 1981 medicine prize was split among Roger Sperry and David Hubel of the United States and Torsten Wiesel of Sweden. They were honored for their work on the human brain. The literature award went to Elias Canetti,a Bulgarian-born Jewish novelist who lives in Britain, for his works on fascism, dicta-

torship and mass psychology.

The economics price was given to James To-bin of the United States, for studies of how financial decisions are made. The chemistry award went to Roald Hoffmann of the United States and Kenichi Fukui of Japan for work on anticipation of the course of chemical reac-tions. Americans Nicolaas Bloembergen and Arthur Schawlow and Kai Siegbahn of Sweden won the physics prize for their laser beam



Poul Hartling with the peace prize.

OAS Human Rights Text Criticized as Weak

CASTRIES, St. Lucia — The Organization of American States has approved a human rights resoluapproved a human rights resolu-tion that has been criticized as being weak because it does not mention any specific country as a countries.
violator of rights. The OA

After it was approved Wednes-day, Barbados' ambassador to the OAS, Charles A.T. Skeete, said the resolution, based on a draft prepared by Afgentina, had emerged as weak because of a lack of U.S. leadership for something stronger. He said Barbados would not support such a resolution next year.

was supporting the resolution be-cause it did not mention specific

The OAS members, meeting as a committee, approved the resolu-tion by acclamation. That leaves only a final open vote before its adoption is official.

Everett E. Briggs, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for Lat-in American affairs, told the OAS

"respectable and deserving of the support of all member nations."

Accusation Against Argentina

WASHINGTON (AP) — Argentina's security forces dumped bodies into the sea from helicopters in a "foolproof form of secret liquidation" to rid the country of suspected subversives an associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace charges in an article in Foreign Policy, published

currents of the South Atlantic, alive or ripped open to make them sink," wrote Charles Macching Jr., an international lawyer and a the Kennedy and Johnson ad-

disappearances in Argentina.

former State Department adviser on political and military affairs in

ministrations.

Mr. Maechling gave no attribu-tion for his assertions. A Foreign Policy staff member said a similar account is contained in an appendix to the record of the House Foraign Affairs subcommittee on international organizations and human rights, which held hearings in September, 1979, into alleged Administration officials are also

In Draft Treaty on Law of the Sea

Reagan Urged to Seek 4 Changes

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. - A nine-month policy review by the Reagan administration has conthat the United States should negotiate changes in a trea-ty regulating use of the seas and ir mineral resources rather than abandon it, according to adminis-tration officials. President Reagan is expected to announce this decision by the end of the month. The officials said Wednesday

that the principal agencies in-volved, the Departments of State, Defense, Treasury and Interior, have agreed that the best course for the United States is to renegotiate provisions that create an international cartel to manage the mining of nickel, copper, cobalt and manganese on the seabed.

By Bernard D. Nossiter

New York Times Service

An "options paper" is to be sent to Mr. Reagan. Officials said it weighs the advantages and disadvantages of refusing to sign the Law of the Sea treaty, the product of eight years of labor by 150 na-

Mining Sections

The United States said last March that it could not conclude the agreement and that more time was needed for the new administration to make up its mind.

Nearly all the other nations engaged in the drafting have warned that no important changes will be accepted at this late date.

It is the deep-sea mining sec-tions that have drawn most criticism in the United States, especially from companies that have begun mine minerals in the oceans. The 1980 Republican platform

bits U.S. exploitation of the seabed for its abundant mineral re-

concerned by what they call the "institutional precedent." The treaty creates a global authority that would limit the amount of minerals to be drawn from the sea. The pact explicitly states that this device is designed to support the prices of minerals mined on shore. Canada, the world's leading nickel producer, and Chile, Peru, Colom-bia, Zambia and Zaire all mine one or more of the minerals that are found in the sea.

Administration officials fear that a cartel for seabed mining will open the door to parallel devices for many other commodities.

The interdepartmental paper that Mr. Reagan will receive urges renegotiation in at least four important areas. One is the formula for a production limit now written into the draft treaty.

Another is the treaty's demand

that companies given licenses to mine sell their technology at "fair and reasonable terms" to an international agency that would exploit the seabed for Third World nations. The mining companies com-plain that this leaves them little

bargaining power. The third area involves a council of 36 nations with the power to make policy for seabed exploita-tion. The formula for membership suggests that the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain and France will be the only industrial nations to be members and they could be outvoted by a combina-tion of Third World and Sovietbloc countries. The United States wants voting in the council weighted to reflect the fact that most of the investment will come from the

industrialized five.
Finally, the administration is disturbed over a "review conference" that would take place 20 years after commercial mining begins. Two-thirds of all nations signing the treaty could then rewrite it. In effect, the United States might become party to treaty provisions that the Senate would have no chance to approve.

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WASHINGTON - There, between the ads for dining room furniture and the weekly specials at a local food store, was an extraordinary 16,000-line treatise on the

state of Socialism in France. Published at a cost of more than \$100,000, the six-page advertisement in Wednesday's editions of The Washington Post was the creation of an obscure, ultraconservative organization called the Societies for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property. The group has chapters in the United States, in addition to nine other Western Hemisphere countries, as well as France, Spain and Portugal

Later Wednesday, the organization announced that the advertisement was the first in a series to be published internationally warning that the Socialist government in France portends dangers for the

Under the title "What Does Self-Managing Socialism Mean for polemical detail about the Socialist

ma, "In the end my immaculate Heart will Triumph.'

The group's lobbyists in Alexandria, Va., were not available for comment. A news release said the advertisement was a "detailed analysis of French self-manage-ment" that showed that French Socialism "aims at the disintegration of today's society into an anarchic

Several sources characterized the group Wednesday as a Brazili-an-based Roman Catholic lay or-

Woman, 74, Imprisoned For Red Brigades Role The Associated Press

GENOA - A local court Thursday convicted Caterina Picasso, on terrorism-related charges and sentenced her to three years and four months in prison.

Mrs. Picasso, a widow, was ar-rested in October, 1980. Police Communism: A Barrier? Or a seized arms, ammunition and a file Bridgehead?" the article went into of the Red Brigades from her Party's program since it took pow-er in France and concludes with a with 31 others on charges of bequotation from the Lady of Fati- longing to an armed band.

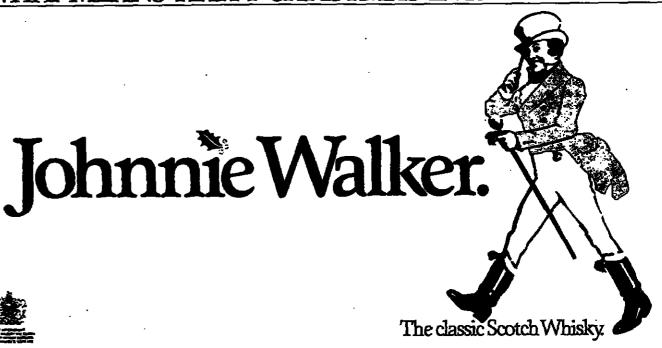
6-Page Ad in U.S. Assails French Socialists ganization supported by several ealthy land owners and industrial families primarily in South Ameri-

> [In Paris, authoritative government sources said that they were not prepared to react to the advertisement, but were studying it.
> There is absolutely no panic and we far more interested in knowing who or what is behind the advertisement," a spokesman at the Elysée Palace said Thursday, adding that there might be some reac-

tion "later."]
The Rev. Enrique T. Rueda, a staff member of the Free Congress Research and Education Founda tion, a conservative research group here, called the group a well-fi-nanced Catholic lay organization that produces professionally de-signed newsletters and background papers on anti-Communist subjects as well as such issues as abortion and private property rights.

Thomas Quigley, Latin American adviser to the U.S. Catholic Conference, said the organization "considers most of the changes in are bad and is very much oriente to the supposed ideals of the Mid-

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to the precolumbian era whose mysterious Olmec, Toltec, Mayan and Aztec civilizations have left impressive reminders of the distant past. Later came the colonial period, with its legacy of Baroque palaces and richly decorated churches like Santa Prisca in Taxco... and, more recently, the explosion of modern Mexico, proudly typified by the capital, Mexico City, with its broad avenues, tree-shaded parks, and museums housing innumerable treasures of the fabulous past as well as striking examples of contemporary Mexican art, not forgetting Guadalajara, a large up-to-date town which has succeeded in preserving its old-world charm. Here too are many beach resorts, some of them world-famous like Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatian and Cancum; others more unspoiled, featuring immense expanses of fine sand fringed by tropical vegetation such as ixtapa-Zihuatanejo, Careyes and the beaches of Baja California. There is a wide range of hotels and restaurants serving delicious Mexican specialities. And everywhere you'll encounter a hospitality as warm as the sunshine which this friendly country enjoys all the year round.



Reagan Lets Air Controllers Seek Other U.S. Jobs

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — President Reagan has opened future federal employment to striking air traffic controllers, but has made clear that he will never permit them to have the jobs they want most their former positions in the Federal Aviation Administration's control towers.

Mr. Reagan's decision, announced on Wednesday, to remove the three-year bar to all federal employment for the 11,500 striking members of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization fell far short of the demand by the

woman, Marcia Feldman, called it "a cruel boax" to offer federal employment while federal agencies are cutting back personnel because of the Reagan economic program.
"We're deeply disappointed," she

"We are clearly disappointed," added AFL-CIO spokesman Rex Hardesty. "It is not what the AFL-CIO executive council had in mind last week when it asked the president to show compassion." The president said his decision

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AFL-CIO and other unions that had been motivated by compasting the strikers be returned to their jobs.

The controllers' union spokestower while the provided reduced the provided reduced to their sign. "I am sure that many of the provided reduced the provided reduced by compasting asking Reps. William D. Ford, Democrat of Michigan, Chairman of the provided reduced by compasting asking Reps. William D. Ford, Democrat of Michigan, Chairman of the provided reduced by compasting asking Reps. William D. Ford, and the provided reduced by compasting asking Reps. William D. Ford, the strikers be returned to their sign. "I am sure that many of the provided reduced by compasting the provided reduced by compasting asking Reps. William D. Ford, the strikers be returned to their sign." I am sure that many of the provided reduced reduced by compasting reduced redu would welcome an opportunity to return to federal service," he said.

Transportation Secretary Drew L. Lewis told reporters that the ac-tion is "a final decision within this administration." Mr. Lewis said that because of animosity between the controllers who struck and the 2,000 controllers who crossed picket lines to work, and supervisors who continued working, it would be dangerous to allow the strikers to return to the towers. Miss Feldman said the union is

Democrat of Georgia, chairman of the investigations and oversight subcommittee of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, to investigate whether the working controllers are really alarmed at

the prospect of the strikers' return, as Mr. Lewis maintained.

Air traffic around the nation was disrupted Aug. 3 when the controllers walked off their jobs to demand more money and a shorter work week. Mr. Reagan took a

3 Indicted in Palermo In '72 Crash of DC-8

The Associated Press
CATANIA, Sicily — The former
director of the Palermo airport and two others were indicted Thursday on charges of multiple manslaughter in connection with the 1972 crash of an Alitalia jetliner that killed all 115 persons aboard.

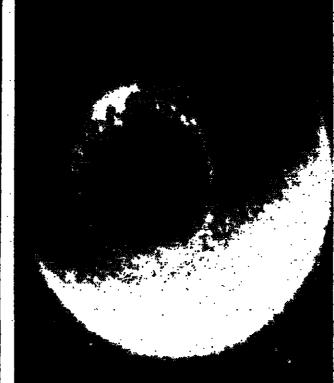
The specific reason for the charges against the three was not made public. Some court sources said they were being held responsifirm line, declaring the strike ille-gal because it violated the no-strike provision of their contract with the federal government.

Donald Devine, director of the Office of Personnel Management, said any controllers who apply for federal jobs "will have to go through a new suitability determination." This will test whether they were involved in any acts of violence or coercion in connection with the strike.

Mr. Devine conceded that the Defense Department is the only government department with job openings in this period of government cutbacks.

The controllers will be eligible to apply for positions in the nation's military control towers jobs Mr. Lewis said pay roughly half the \$22,500 to \$49,800 that controllers earned with the FAA. The FAA borrowed military

controllers to help keep the system operating after the strike began. Mr. Lewis said that 2,000 to 3,000 new controllers are needed to restore full air traffic service, and that about 6,300 new civilian controllers will be needed before all the borrowed military controllers and others pressed into temporary duty will be returned to their usual



LIGHTS ON - A first view of the entire aurora borealis oval, or the northern lights, as the phenomenon was photographed from NASA's Dynamics Explorer spacecraft on Sept. 15 from about 14,000 miles above the Earth's north pole.

On Air Fares Disagreement Centers On Competition Policy

By Carole Shiftin

Ex-Officials

Clash in U.S.

WASHINGTON — Two high transportation officials from the Carter administration have clashed over the wisdom of the former administration's policy favoring com-petition in international aviation. Alfred E. Kahn, former chairman of the Civil Accordantics Board, told a House Public Works and Transportation subcommittee Wednesday that travelers and the

new airlines offering lower fares would be the losers if the nation abandoned its competitive policy. "We have the most dynamic, aggressive, low-cost airline industry. in the world; the way to keep it so is to retain competition." he said, In contrast, Brock Adams, former secretary of transportation, argued that U.S. airlines are losing money and market share as a result of the policy, under which bi-

lateral agreements were negotiated with some countries to allow greater pricing freedom and freer access to routes. "The use of bilateral agreements ... has been a disaster," Mr. Adams said. "The only successful new U.S. carriers have been those engaged in limited point-to-point service."

Mr. Kahn disagreed. He said losses of the U.S. ardines in many cases could be attributed to other factors, including bad manage-ment, domestic routes, rising fuel prices and the recession. Besides Air Florida, one of the beneficiaries of the pro-competitive policy, Mr. Kahn noted that Trans World Airlines also had an operating profit on its North Atlantic ser-

Now a lawyer whose clients in-clude TWA, Mr. Adams said that the United States should allow U.S. airlines to participate in International Air Transport Association conferences that set rates for flights across the North Atlantic.

Mr. Kahn said that statistics show the U.S. airlines have done better and increased their market share on the routes on which more competition has been allowed. Allowing U.S. airlines to participate in the cartel's activities would mean higher prices, since most countries whose carriers participate in IATA adopt the cartel's

Mr. Kahn said, "It would be supremely ironic, if it were not also sad, if the Europeans, who are trying to emulate American policies and are increasingly excited about the prospects of giving their citizens the benefits of competition, were to find themselves passing us flying off in the opposite di-

House Passes Budget Cut Backed by Reagan

WASHINGTON — A deeply divided House Thursday passed by a 218-197 vote a Republican-backed plan to give President Reagan \$4 billion in additional spending cuts in domestic programs this fiscal

The final vote came only moments after the chamber, on a vote of 222 to 194, rejected an alternative Democratic proposal that would have made \$3 billion in cuts in the catch-all bill to keep the federal government from running out

Republicans in the Senate said they would use their majority to approve the bill there, perhaps as early as Friday. House Republicans warned in

advance that Mr. Reagan would veto the bill if it did not contain all \$4 billion in additional reductions he sought. "The president means what he

says," said Rep. Silvio Conte of Massachusetts, the top-ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee.

"We will be here on Christmas Eve angry and frustrated," he said, raising the specter of repeating last month's confrontation in which Mr. Reagan vetoed one bill, the government was without operating funds for a day and the president ordered much of the bureaucracy

That impasse was temporarily resolved with passage of an emer-

gency bill that will expire at mid-night Tuesday.

The \$4 billion in additional cuts in domestic programs contained in the latest measure is less than half of what Mr. Reagan asked for last Sept. 24. At that time, he called for cuts of 12 percent across the

board, or about \$8.4 billion. But in the maneuvering over an earlier interim funding bill, he said he would meet Congress "half-way" and offered to settle for a \$4 billion reduction.

On the principal issue of contention. House Democrats wanted to spend more on domestic programs and slightly less on foreign aid than the administration sought. As a result, they said the battle was over budget priorities and not so much on overall levels of spending. Under either plan, there would be no additional cuts in defense, benefit programs such as Social Security and food stamps, medical

care for veterans, revenue sharing and law enforcement activities. The measure is needed to provide funds for virtually the entire federal government through the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, 1982, because action has not been completed on most of the regular

funds. In addition, the bill provides pay increases for an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 federal workers whose salaries have been capped for several years.

money bills that provide such

Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan said that the ad-ministration hopes to hold the 1982 budget deficit below \$100 bil-lion without rescinding or delaying the income tax cut enacted in Aug-

Office of Management and Budget spokesman Edwin L. Dale Jr. indicated that reaching that goal would depend on a combina-tion of events — congressional ap-proval by June of cuts in certain federal benefits, such as food stamp and health care payments, which have not yet been proposed by Mr. Reagan, and an early re-

covery from the recession. He also said the president is contemplating sending Congress some proposals for spending cuts in so-called discretionary pro-

Mr. Regan's comment Wednes-

New Envoy to France Is Named by Britain

The Associated Press
LONDON — John Fretwell, 51, Britain's deputy ambassador to the United States, will become ambassador to France early next year, the Foreign Office said Thursday. Mr. Fretwell, a career diplomat,

is fluent in French, Russian and Chinese. He replaces Sir Reginald Hibbert, who will retire at age 60 after serving in Paris for three

ministration working paper-predicting a 1982 deficit of \$109 illion, more than double the \$43 billion forecast in September. Asserting that these estimates were very provisional, Mr. Dale said "the estimates are already chang-ing" and "the '82 deficit is already

While Mr. Regan emphasized efforts that would be made to hold down the deficit, his statements was an acknowledgment that the deficit this fiscal year would prob-ably be around \$100 billion.

Mr. Regan, while discouraging speculation that the administration would ask Congress to raise taxes, seemed to hint at a breakfast with reporters that the White House was prepared to accept a natural gas decontrol bill that included a new federal tax on gas. Reminded that Mr. Reagan

promised in a letter to a democratic congressman last summer to veto a "windfall profits" tax on gas, Mr. Regan seemed to say that the president would have to eat those words. "I wonder how it tastes if you cut it up into pieces and put mustard on it," Mr. Regan quipped. Larry Speakes, White House spokesman, sought to make light of Mr. Regan's comment, saying "he was just speculating" about a choice Mr. Reagan might have to make,

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panel, charging that its "work was

delayed by the undue amount of

time allotted for some of the corre-

spondence to go through the Secre-

The UN employees involved are an Iranian and a Pole, who report

to the chief of the UN disarma-

ments division. Jan Martenson of Sweden. Mr. Martenson is viewed

by U.S. officials as "a cautious

Differences on Socialism, Sports Contribute to Seychelles Unrest By Alan Cowell derwent "regionalization," a policy which was apparently interested that meant the demise of The R.M. Mancham, to power.

VICTORIA, Seychelles — Two Soviet naval ships are anchored in the turquoise waters off Mahe, the lush, main island of the Seychelles archipelago, symbolizing the stra-tegic upper hand that Moscow seems to have gained in recent years in this part of the Indian

There is a new army here, too, that Moscow has armed. Against this. 120 Americans maintain a U.S. Air Force satellite tracking station on a jungle-covered hill overlooking Mahe and aid from the West accounts for a quarter of the national income, one of the highest per capita aid figures in the

But, somehow, in the humid heat that slows a visitor's brain to a tickover, such weighty considera-tions of East-West rivalry lose

A person here, for instance, can lease a coconut tree for \$10 and a number will be painted on it, bestowing exclusive rights to its produce. The person can then eat its fruits and tap its juices to make a toddy. A well-used bucket, full of enzymes, must be employed, so as to ferment the brew. The beverage, a resident said, imparts a "mild

There is a political opposition to the president, Albert René, and it was implicated in an attempted coup by white mercenaries late last month. The attempt, which failed, served as an illustration of the political tensions that have sprung up since Mr. Rene took power in a coup four years ago and wrenched the somnolent islands onto a So-cialist course that gained him ene-mies among the business and en-trepreneurial class who had most

Yet the opposition, which calls itself the Movement for Resistance and has threatened to try again to depose Mr. René, has origins that, according to a Seychelles journalist, are less ideological.

Gerard Hoareau, the former chief immigration officer, was once a midfield player with a soccer team called The Rovers. The team manager was Paul Chow. In 1979, sport in the Seychelles un-

By Michael J. Berlin

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. -

The General Assembly, overriding Soviet-bloc objections, has voted

overwhelmingly to continue an in-

vestigation by a four-man panel of

experts into charges that Soviet-

made chemical weapons have been used in Afghanistan and Indochi-

20, with 34 abstentions, and only

the Soviet Union and its closest al-

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The vote Wednesday was 86 to

representative Kenneth

derwent "regionalization." a policy that meant the demise of The Rovers and of clubs such as The

Mr. Hoareau and Mr. Chow and others associated with The Rovers were incensed, the journalist, Ibrahim Afif, said, and turned against Mr. Rene's regime. Spurred, too, by other discontents, they became dissidents in exile and formed a soccer-playing core of opponents who last month used mercenaries disguised as rugby players to try to overthrow the

"Every time there is a crack-down," Mr. Afif said, "you can be sure that ex-Rovers people will be

The attempted coup demon-strated the passions aroused by this archipelago of 92 islands, not only among its own politicians but also in the confrontation between East and West. The two Soviet naval ships came here as a gesture of support for Mr. René after the

the UN panel's first report, re-leased last month after the experts had examined American evidence

and visited refugee camps in Thai-

land, was disappointing to U.S. of-

Cautious in the Extreme

The experts, from Egypt, Peru, Kenya and the Philippines, were

which was apparently intended to return the former president, James

The presence of the vessels showed Moscow's dominance in these islands, where U.S. naval vessels cannot match the Soviet show of strength because they are effectively barred from anchoring. The reason, Foreign Minister Jacques Hodoul said, is that the Pentagon refuses to comply with Seychelles government regulations demanding a declaration about whether foreign vessels are nuclear armed or nuclear powered. The United States refuses to make the declaration, Mr. Hodoul said, because of a policy of military secre-

Mr. René's revolution has taken various forms and has transformed the islands, which export cinthere is widespread state interven-

to whether or not chemical warfare

It did say that the symptoms in

some of the cases reported "could

suggest a possible use of some sort

U.S. officials expressed the hope

that with its new mandate, the

panel would be able to conduct

agents had been used."

not address much of the evidence ghan refugees in Pakistan and and offend no one."

of chemical warfare agents.



ASEAN Backs 3-Group Regime for Cambodia

By William Branigin

Washington Post Service PATTAYA, Thailand — An association of Southeast Asia's non-Communist nations Thursday endorsed new proposals for an anti-Vietnamese coalition government of three Cambodian resistance groups, but appeared to back away from suggestions that the associa-tion would then give the groups

Concluding a one-day meeting at this Thai resort, the foreign min-isters of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations issued a statement backing proposals put for-ward by Singapore last month to break a deadlock in the Cambodi-an group's efforts to form a coalian group's errors to form a coan-tion government. The proposals provided for a "loose coalition government" in which the ideolog-ically divided groups would retain their independent identities. The ASEAN statement noted

ues that forged the country's history," said the group, a Roman Catholic organization of nearly 1,500 priests and nuns.

A year ago, President Jean-Clande Duvalier jailed or excled scores of journalists and human rights activists. In its report, released Wednesday, the conference said its calls for leniency had gone

alition without objection from the other ASEAN members.

At a joint news conference concluding Thursday's meeting, Mr. Mochtar said that he was "satis-Conference participants that clarification of this point be-came necessary when Indonesia last week expressed strong opposi-tion to the idea of ASEAN's profied that the coalition proposal was just that" and not something that would entail an ASEAN milividing arms aid to Cambodian retary commitment.

sistance groups.
Foreign Minister Mochtar The foreign minister of the Phil-ippines, Carlos Romulo, seconded Kusumaatmadja of Indonesian in-sisted on his arrival in Thailand that ASEAN should stick to its this view, saying that "we didn't want to follow in the footsteps of the late lamented and defunct original purpose of economic and SEATO." He was referring to the political cooperation rather than take on a military character. ASEAN includes Thailand, Malay-Southeast Asian Treaty Organiza-

Foreign Minister Suppiah

ASEAN as a group was "commit-ted to a political solution" in Cam-bodia and that it was up to the

Cambodian resistance groups themselves to provide the military pressure on the Vietnamese.

However, last month Deputy Prime Minister Sinnathamby Rajaratnam of Singapore said in Bangkok that his city-state was willing to aid militarily the non-Communist groups in an eventual Cambodian coalition. He urged other countries - especially Western democracies such as the Unit-ed States — to contribute arms aid

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Boycott Libyan Oil? No

Boycott Libyan oil? That would be a morally justifiable, and popular, response to Libyan terrorism. At first glance it might seem effective, too. But a closer look suggests that economic sanctions might well generate a backlash, strengthening Col. Qadhafi's standing in the Arab world.

Libya's role as international outlaw is clear. The reported plot to assassinate President Reagan would be just one of a series of Libyan terrorist acts. Qadhafi's soldiers, arms and money have supported efforts to destabilize northern Africa from Nigeria to Ethiopia. No less clear is the source of Libya's power: oil In 1980 Libya earned \$22 billion from oil exports, more than it needed to support a high standard of living and ambitious economic development while bankrolling terror worldwide.

The argument for boycott is that with his oil income threatened, Qadhafi would be forced to scale back his foreign adventures; the loss of face might even lead to his fall. Moved by this argument, Senate liberals and conservatives both are urging Reagan to cut off American oil imports from Libya and to ask the European allies for similar sanctions.

But there is one flaw to this strategy. In the words of John Lichtblau, an oil economist. "It's a wet noodle ... meaningless." A withdrawal of Western technicians from Libya would be an irritant, perhaps interrupting production. And direct sanctions by the major importers might block established marketing channels for Libyan crude. But international oil transactions are almost impossible to stop; the commodity is too anonymous and the potential for profit too large.

By offering modest discounts, Libya could almost certainly entice other buyers to take up any boycott slack. In fact, those hit hardest by the boycott would probably be specialized American importers, who now depend on Libya for very low sulfur fuel.

Those who insist on more evidence of the futility of a boycott might look at current oil sales. Libya shipped 1.5 million barrels a day in 1980. This year, exports have fallen to just 600,000 barrels a day because Libya has clung to premium prices. If Qadhafi can stomach a two-thirds cut in exports for an extra couple of dollars a barrel, there is every reason to believe he would be willing to parry a boycott by scrambling for less principled customers.

Economic sanctions are appealing in the case of Libya because they are a moderate counter to immoderate provocation. But the unhappy truth is that an oil embargo cannot work. At best, it would force Libya to pump a little more oil. At worst, it would cast Qadhafi as the victim of Western imperialism, strengthening his position at home and in the Third World. Wet noodles, alas, are poor weapons.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Watching Over the CIA

Could the Central Intelligence Agency, America's vital eyes and ears abroad, once again turn back to spy on law-abiding citizens and gather their names in surveillance files? Presidents Johnson and Nixon let that happen and Presidents Ford and Carter issued orders against it. Last spring the Reagan administration, which had pledged to "unshackle" the spy service, raised the possibility of a return to domestic spying with the first draft of a new intelligence order. Now the president has signed a revised. order that is not reassuring.

The true domestic powers of the CIA are to be spelled out in another, secret set of directives. The secrecy is not new; the Carter administration also kept two sets of books. But as the CIA was the first to complain, some of the secret Carter procedures were more restrictive than the published ones. The Reagan rules are likely to be too permissive unless Congress increases its vigilance in overseeing the procedures.

When Congress created the CIA in 1947, it envisioned an agency relatively unfettered by law, operating almost exclusively abroad while the FBI stood guard on the home front. But the line between foreign and domestic activities is often fine. Consider, for example, the agency's need to create a cover for a spy by setting him up in some innocent-looking American setting before he is sent abroad on assignment

This sometimes necessary ability to operate in the United States was subject to abuse. An extreme example was Operation Chaos, inspired by President Johnson's conviction that opponents of the Vietnam War, even those who broke no law, had foreign support. He ordered the CIA to prove it, and the agency attempted to do so by compiling thousands of surveillance files that named hundreds of thousands of Americans.

The post-Watergate reforms required reasonable suspicion of a foreign connection before Americans could be cataloged or spied on. That also protected American businessmen from surveillance in their activities abroad. The Reagan order unshackles the agency in varying degress, by requiring less suspicion of foreign ties as a condition of domestic surveillance. Thus only congressional oversight can make sure that the CIA does not again abuse its powers.

Mr. Reagan did not, however, turn back the clock to the days when presidents decreed no limits at all. Rather than discard the Ford-Carter orders, he substituted his own. And it specifically recognizes the right of the Senate and House intelligence committees to obtain confidential oversight information. The rule of law thus remains embedded in the strange soil of intelligence.

More is needed, however, if civil liberties are to be truly protected. The Ford and Carter orders were, by design, only first steps toward the safeguard of a congressional charter for the CIA. The 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act made another advance by requiring court warrants for wiretaps and bugs. The Reagan administration shows no enthusiasm for a CIA charter. The work of Congress, however diligently it polices the executive order, will not be finished until it produces one.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Drilling the Wilderness

In September the U.S. interior secretary, James Watt. followed through on a pledge to "open wilderness areas," thereby precipitating another confrontation with Congress. For the first time, the Interior Department issued leases for oil and gas drilling in a designated wilderness area, specifically the Capitan Mountain Wilderness of New Mexico.

The 1964 Wilderness Act allows leasing in wilderness areas until 1984, but no previous secretary of the interior had seen a need. Now environmental assessments — required for issue of a lease - are under way for drilling in wilderness areas of Wyoming, Arkansas and near the Big Sur coast of California.

In his familiar style that seems to ask for a fight, Mr. Watt issued the leases without the legally required environmental impact study, without public notice and opportunity for public comment, and without first informing Congress. The action has provoked a rebellion, even among Republicans on the House Interior Committee.

There is no urgent need to develop these oil and gas reserves. Wilderness areas those that retain "primeval character" with "the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable" - make up less than 2 percent of the continental United States. A study just released by a former congressman, Joseph Fisher, now with the Wilderness Society, finds that designated and potential wilderness areas together contain only 2 percent of U.S. oil reserves and 1.6 percent of gas reserves. Even if these figures are off by as much as 100 percent, nearly all potentially recoverable oil and gas reserves would still lie outside wilderness areas, most of them on

Once disturbed, wilderness is difficult, if not impossible, to restore. The oil and gas beneath it is not going anywhere. Unless Mr. Watt can explain why this small amount needs to be developed now, it should be left undisturbed until it is really needed.

non-federal lands.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Opinion

On Washington and Pretoria

Dare we, in Africa, hope that the Reagan administration is slowly changing its attitude toward the apartheid regime in Pretoria? In the aftermath of the botched attempted coup in the Seychelles and the bizarre treatment of the majority of the mercenaries involved by

the regime, the United States has been making threatening noises against Pretoria.

Almost unbelievably, the administration is warning its erstwhile ally of tough sanctions if those worthless dogs of war are not given the punishment they deserve under international conventions.

- From The Herald (Salisbury).

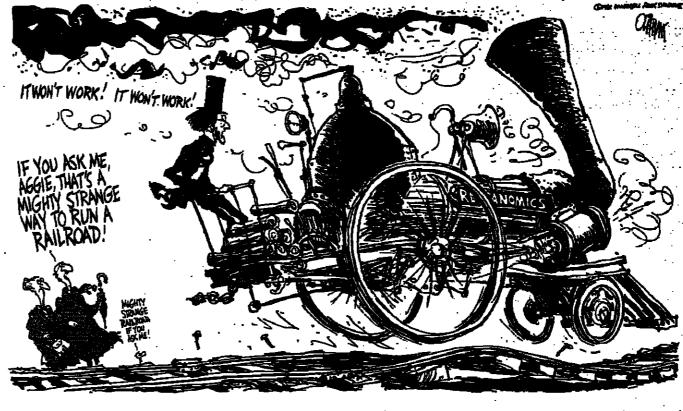
Dec. 11: From Our Pages of 75 and 50 Years Ago

1906: A King's American Lobby

NEW YORK -- The New York American claims that documentary evidence is in its possession showing that for two years past Leopold King of the Belgians has maintained an expensive lobby in Washington to prevent action by the United States relative to the alleged atrocities in the Congo Free State. Chief of King Leopold's lob-byists, it alleges, is Col. Henry I. Kowalsky, of New York and San Francisco, counsel for the mayor of San Francisco. Kowalsky, under an agreement with the king, is to receive \$20,000 in 3 percent bonds of the Belgian government if no action is taken by the United States relative to the Congo by the 39th Congress.

1931: Brüning and Hitlerism

BERLIN - If the outside world is terrified by the menace of Hitlerism, it can exorcise this peril by one stroke in simply freeing Germany from her reparation obligations. This was the substance of a statement made by Chancellor Heinrich Brüning today. "If the people of foreign countries are so worried about the growth of the National Socialist party," he said, "then they should realize that economic relations and certain political coercion in the past are responsible for at least 50 percent of the rise in Socialism." Dr. Brüning made the highly significant statement that the "impossibility of making reparations payments is absolutely clear."



Big Spenders Still Reign on Capitol Hill

PALO ALTO, Calif. — When blizzards or 1 other dangerous weather conditions are threatening, the weather bureau may issue a special notice to owners or investock — a stockman's warning," it is called. The recent controversy surrounding budget direc-tor David Stockman may also be something of a warning to those of us who are concerned about runaway government spending and the inflation that follows. One of Stockman's disillusionments was

over the painful contrast between the theory of reducing government spending and the practice. In theory, all spending can be cut. That means big cuts overall, but spread around so that no single group has to bear the main burden. In practice, it was a lot easier politically to cut food stamps than it was to cut the huge agricultural subsidies that made food artificially more expensive in the first place. It was a lot easier to cut job training grants than business subsidies. This had nothing to do with economic theory, whether laissez-faire or "supply side" economics. It has to do with politics.

Conservative politicians are politicians first and conservatives second. For some of them, "free enterprise" means helping busi-ness and farmers instead of cities and poverty programs. They are simply liberal big spenders for different groups. Stockman fi-nally concluded that "there are no real conservatives in Congress."

That may have been overstating it. Stockman himself, when in Congress, opposed many spending bills that would have benefited his district, including the bail-out of Chrysler. But this attitude has been the exception rather than the rule.

By Thomas Sowell

What is the moral of this story? There are many. First, if the public is serious about ending inflationary deficits, it will not be enough to elect people who carry the label "conservative." It will also be necessary to watch them like a hawk, just the same as you would watch liberal big spenders. Another moral is that splashy political victories for a "conservative" administration do not imply getting federal spending under control. The price may well be letting much of that spending continue to run amok.

Into Other Pockets

Big-spending liberals have been so thoroughly discredited that they can be rescued only by big-spending conservatives who re-duce the whole issue to a cynical question of whose ox is gored. In any showdown on that basis, the liberals seem likely to win in the long run, playing their two trump cards: "the poor" and "compassion." That does not mean that the poor themselves will win, but only that much tax money will be thrown around in their name.

Job training grants, for example, are often defended as necessary because of the huge unemployment rate among black teen-agers. But Michael Novak has calculated that every black teen-ager in America could be employed 40 hours a week, year-round, for less than one-fourth the cost of the CETA program. A lot of CETA money is clearly ending up in someone else's pocket, without reducing black teen-age unemployment. A few years ago someone calculated how

much it would cost to lift every man, woman and child in America out of poverty by simply giving them money. It was one-third of what was being some what was being spent on poverty programs.

Again, a lot of money was finding its way to
people who were not poor by any stretch of
the imagination — administrators, statisticians, consultants, economists, sociologists, think tanks, universities, social agencies, and miscellaneous boundoggles. They get most of the money, but the poor get most of the blame for inflationary deficits. The welfare state is the ultimate "trickle-down" system.

Every attempt to get around the welfare bureaucracy by giving the poor cash instead of services is sure to bring cries of outrage from the bureaucrats and their hangers-on. Moreover, cutbacks in agency funds are likely to be taken out of the hides of the poorest and most vulnerable, precisely in order to generate a public backlash against "heartless" budget cuts — even if there are plenty of other agency activities that could be reduced instead. In short, the poor are pawns,

both to liberal and conservative politicians.

Someone once said that government is the illusion that we can all live at someone else's expense. The poor did not invent this game. Nor are they the best at playing it. The ultimate question, however, is not who wins most at this game. The challenge is to put an end to the game before everyone loses through the crippling effects of inflation on the economy.

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The Whimsical Ways of Washington Propriety

WASHINGTON — I think I had got about to that part of the attorney general's report on Richard Allen that described "a Japanese women's magazine called Shufunotomo' (translated: 'Friend of the Housewife' or The House-wife's Friend')," when my mind

began to wander. It wandered first to that extraordinary White House document oting the bartender of Sars field's saloon for some 231/2 pages a few years back ("If he did spit all over the girl it had to be an Amaretto and cream which would have been quite a mess and she certainly wasn't wet ... "). I thought: We are developing a whole nutry literature of these documents — a clumsy society's efforts to get to the bottom of al-

leged wrongdoing in high places. Somehow it seems always to hover at the edge of the pathetic or hilarious. I do not mean to suggest

By Meg Greenfield

that American public officials never perpetrate an offense sufficiently sinister to worry about. I mean that the response to these things -America's way of going after them, deciding what is important and de-ciding what to do — is weird. It is also a response preoccupied with legal machinery.

Ever since the Waterpate spectacular, it seems we have been fiddling with various boards and tri-bunals and institutional arrangements. We have been trying to create legal instruments that are superhuman in their detachment, efficiency and fairness. What triggers the entry of the special prosecutor into the case? What committee of Congress, what board of hearing examiners shall conduct the inquiry? Who shall excuse himself from which investigation because his cousin works



Letters-

Armenians, Too

In the supplement on Turkey (Dec. 2), the article "A Dispersed Greek Community Is Declining" extended no concern to other communities, which are larger in num-ber and older by history, with an-cient sites all over Turkey. The Ar-menians are the most depressed, are suffering and are declining.

H. KHATCHADOURIAN. Amstelveen, Netherlands.

Béarn Lives

In her review of "French Regional Cooking" by Anne Willan (IHT, Nov. 26), Patricia Wells mentions that sauce béarnaise "was not in-vented in the town of Béarn." If neither Ms. Wells nor the director of La Varenne Cooking School is aware that Béarn was an old province of France, they should both be put on a diet of Velveta Cheese and supermarket white bread sandwiches.

In an earlier article she discussed a dish made with langoustines and, in the next sentence translated langoustine as "spiny lobster." Wrong. Spiny lobster is langouste," not to be confused either in taste or appearance with langoustine, which is usually translated as Dublin Bay prawn. CYNTHIA J. RIOUAL.

Speaking to Europe

McGeorge Bundy has argued (IHT, Oct. 23) that the proposed installation of U.S. missiles in Europe is "neither necessary nor desirable for the safety of the alliance, unless the nations of Western Europe themselves clearly sup-port it." When are we going to get a persuasive explanation from the president of the United States, addressed to the worries of so many Europeans?

WILLIAM R. TYLER

for the contractor accused of mak-

ing the payoff? dazzling machinery we have built to deal with offenders. Our problem is that we cannot quite figure

So the investigators plunge into just about everything, subpoensing documents and taking testimony and deposing bartenders and the rest without ever seeming to know what they are looking for. From this frequent mismatch of heavy investigative machinery with tawdry, petty behavior come the pathos and humor of the result, a kind of anticlimactic, ridiculous saga of misspent time and money.
But frequently, at the end of the laborious documentation will come this: There was no crime.

Presumably the investigators are always looking in the first instance for a crime, as distinct from an impropriety, scandal, lapse or other act that may be legal but is nevertheless wrong. However, failing to find such a crime, they (and the poor person under investigation and his political group) will generally proclaim innocence on all counts. This enabled the Watergate crowd to get a very long way with offenses that, they could say, were not crimes. On a much more modest scale, of Richard Allen we learn that he did not commit a crime where the \$1,000 in the envelope was concerned.

Sleazy

This in fact is a very familiar and unsatisfying outcome in these inquiries. Sometimes the trouble is merely the classic one: It is very difficult to establish a direct, reciprocal connection between a favor offered and a favor returned in a political environment that is so sleazy and lobby-ridden to begin with. And in such an environment, especially when you are trying to maintain basic political freedoms as well, it is doubly difficult to draw up rigid rules or definitions covering noncriminal but unac-ceptable behavior for public officials. The Carter administration's overzealous "conflict of interest" regulations are an example. The papers these days are full of

sleazy stories, accounts of officials who are clearly cutting corners or have done so in the recent past, who are buying and selling influence and auctioning off parts of for decent conduct. That would be the public trust: But in most cases we seem not to know what to do

about it, and to be surpassingly uncomfortable with whatever we finally decide. Should former Gov. Marvin Mandel still be in prison when others who did the same thing are out? Was Sen. Harrison Williams railroaded?

You cannot really look for fairout what an offense is - we are at ness in uniformity here because we a loss to know when we are in the treat these offenses so wildly difpresence of one or even what, as a ferently. And you cannot really impose a size-of-the-offense mone tary standard on your treatment of them since if anything has been demonstrated it is that the takers among us will take damn near any-thing, be it ever so humble and cheap — that is their way.

Typically, then, there is revela-tion of the wrongdoing, endless in-vestigation and a finding of rotten but not criminal conduct. When someone is fired or prosecuted we worry about whether that was just.

There are, of course, other standards besides these set out in the criminal code, and there are forms of misbehavior, too, that do not involve the kind of bribery or quasi-bribery transaction we think of first when we think of official corruption. For example, hurting or embarrassing or otherwise im-pairing the effectiveness of the president and administration you serve is such a standard, and so is

bringing Congress into disrepute.

I think these are certainly political grounds for booting wrong-doers out of office. Yet the stand-ards need to be administered with fanatical care: The danger is of raging unfairness to public offi-cials—humiliating, firing, perhaps ruining them for embarrassments not of their making but maliciously generated by others.

I am working toward a proposed solution along no-fault lines, although it is more of a banking sys-

tem than an insurance policy I am thinking of. We would create a Sleaze and Embarrassment Bank with a set but limited fund from which every new administration could draw. You would be allowed so many improper interventions on behalf of a former client, so many envelopes, so many depredations by presidential relatives and so on, It would not matter who used them up, when they were gone that would be it — out! No one would be persecuted, no one would be prosecuted; but there would be terrific internal pressure to behave and thus to save the governmental good life for all. I think we could call it the Public Trust Fund. By the way, you couldn't get interest or credit against your withdrawals expected

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Holy City, Unholy **Passions**

By C.L. Sulsberger

STOCKHOLM —Alfred Nobel, S the 19th-century Swedish chemist who invented dynamics, was so aware of the new explosive's destructive powers that he bequeathed the balk of his large fortune to prizes for those distinguished each year for advancing the cause of peace and the scientific ic and humanistic disciplines that are its benefits.

The latter group, originally lim-ited to practitioners of physics, chemistry, physiology and litera-ture, has been considerably extended and the value of the awards vastly increased.

Convinced that the fear caused by weapons with dynamite warheads would spring the world to its senses, Nobel wrote his Austrian friend, Baroness Bertha von Suttner, a sponsor of pacifist movements: "My factories may well put an end to wars sooner than your congresses." It was a primitive argument form of to-day's nuclear "balance of terror." Logically, there should be hope among the scientists and scholars

massing now in icy Stockholm; only the peace award is made in Oslo. However, in both cities almost everyone is aware that during the 86 years since Nobel's death, the situation has not improved but me simation has not improved but deteriorated. The world faces much greater dangers now than in Nobel's time. It is theoretically capable of blowing itself up, and the quest for maintaining peace and benefiting from that condition has the condition has the condition of the condition of the condition of the condition has the condition of the con

seemingly lost its way.

Both science and warfare have leaped forward in geometric progression. Two nuclear bombs have been exploded in action and hundreds are continually tested. And to the dreary pattern of formal war, regardless of its weapons, has been added the savagery of organized modern terrorism.

Phony

Right now, in a period considered peaceful, armed conflict exists between Iraq and Iran, inside Afghanistan, in Cambodia, along the Angolan border, in the desert linking Morocco and Mauritania in parts of Central America and spo-radically in Northern Ireland. Terrorism has certainly not been

muted by terrifying weapons. Wars are by no means always started by specific anomalies which, indeed, sometimes avert or defer them. Today's phony peace has two Koreas, two Germanys without real capitals, a bisected Berlin not ruled by ultimate Ger-man authority at all.

Moreover, disagreeable as the subject may be, should it not be realized that in addition to other causes — imperialism, racism, militarism — religion has developed into a persistently greater threat to

I do not refer to mad monks like Guyana Jones or Korean Moon, but to the Moslem brothers who slay each other's advocates, the Ulster diehards of that strange Prot-estant theologian, Ian Paisley, and the equally strange Catholic murd-erers of the IRA. Or consider, in other realms, the private credo with its army of Cao Dai in Vietnam and the fierce, fanatical aya-

tollahs of Iran.
Religion is sacred and therefore but gingerly touched upon in political discussion. But mankind can never forget the Nazi Holocaust, the Spanish Inquisition, the sectar-ian Buddhist wars, the Crusades and the Thirty Years Catholic-Protestant was of the 17th century, whose last battles continue today

Most Westerners believe religion should be taken out of politics, although this is scarcely true of Islamic states or even Japan. Vari-ous godless Communist and Socialist parties have shown them-selves less bitterly quarrelsome in their sectarianism.

The festering Middle East war stems essentially from religious differences, Islamic and Jewish. Its danger is incalculable both for emotional and strategic reasons in-cluding communications and oil. Yet one has still to see the outline of a genuine settlement. Both the Camp David and the Saudi

programs ignore a crucial fact. Is-rael will never yield the entire city of Jerusalem as its capital. The Ar-abs will never yield the old wailed half of the city. This is the ultimate Gordian knot that cannot be cut. But why not create within the walls of Old Jerusalem a "Moslem Vatican City" free for anyone to

enter and safeguarded by Islamic soldiers responsible to the United Nations and selected from non-Arab Moslem Indonesians or Senegalese or Pakistanis? All other sanctuaries in the Holy Land would be awarded special status, but the only hope of finding peace in the Middle East is through Jerusalem.

Yet no one seems to recognize this. He who does - and can convince both sides of the need of compromise — should be entitled to a special Nobel Prize.

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OTTAWA - Canada has moved

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In January, the second major measure in Canada's planned Na-

tional Energy Program, the Energy Security Act, is to be introduced in

the House. This includes incentives

for further exploration that favor

Canadian companies over foreign

Ownership Goal

ly opposed by energy companies and has caused diplomatic strains with the United States.

The measures have been strong-

Federal officials are maintaining

their goal of raising Canadian ownership of oil and gas produc-tion to 50 percent by 1990 from the current 35 percent. The incen-

tive program, by which compensa-

tion for exploration costs would

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Canadian ownership, is regarded

as a major instrument to achieve

The Oil and Gas Act has two

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India Seeking Better Ties in Region As Relations With Pakistan Worsen

Washington Part Service
NEW DELHI -- India has emparked on a major diplomatic campaign to improve ties with its south Asia neighbors following its worsening relations with Pakistan, one of the largest and most powerful of its neighbors. At the same time. India has begun talks with China, snother neighbor, in an ef-fort to solve an old border dispute that crupted into war almost 20

years ago. High-level Indian officials have gone to Bangladesh and Nepal, while a Sri Lankan Cabinet minister held talks here, and President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy is planning to visit the island republic early next year. Even Bhutan has not been left out; the Foreign Ministry official dealing with that tiny king-

dom is scheduled to pay a call the Vietnamese-installed governthere soon.

This round of neighborly calls was prompted by the realization among some members of the gov-ernment of Prime Minister India Gandhi that the increasingly strained relations between India and Pakistan means that New Delhi must mend its fences with the other nations of South Asia if it is to remain the dominant power in

India's Isolation

India has found itself increasingly isolated in the region during the last two years, taking positions contrary to its neighbors in the United Nations and the nonaligned movement on issues such as the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the recognition of

ment in Cambodia. In one of the most significant instances of India's efforts to improve its regional relationships, Eric Gonsalves, one of the top civil servants in the Ministry of External Affairs, reported substantial progress in talks last week on leas-ing to Dacca a strip of Indian terri-tory leading to two Bangladesh en-

This positive development came after months of often bitter wrangling over issues ranging from the division of waters from the Ganges River to the ownership of a tiny, newly formed island in the Bay of

Bengal. Foreign Minister P.V. Nara-simha Rao's visit to Nepal late last

border disagreement with the Soviet Union, though Deputy Foreign

Minister Zhang Wenjin was quot-

ed earlier this week as telling some

West German visitors that China

was preparing a "constructive re-

sponse" to a proposal last fall from

Moscow to resume their stalled

border talks.

es ranging from harnessing Himalayan water resources to declaring Nepal a zone of peace could not be

Allusion to Arms Decision

Mr. Rao made it clear during his visit to the small kingdom, which shares a border with China, that any effort to weaken India would be "counterproductive" for the other nations in the region. That seemed to be an allusion to the U.S. decision to sell arms to Paki-stan, which New Delhi views as a

None of the countries of the region stand to gain anything by In-dia being weakened or embarrass-

ed in any way," Mr. Rao said. India is extremely jealous of its status as the dominant force in the region — it is the most powerful country militarily and has the strongest industrial base - and resists any effort by its neighbors or outside powers such as the United States that New Delhi feels could undercut it.

That view was reflected in a statement by Mrs. Gandhi during her election campaign when she complained that India's position in the region had fallen to a low point

while she was out of office. Little Bhutan' Remark

"Even little Bhutan is making eyes at us," she said in a reference harking back to the Hindu view that lessers should not dare cast a glance upward at a better. As a result of the new U.S. rela-

Canada Energy Bill Clears House closer to adopting a law limiting foreign participation in oil production on federally owned lands and giving the federal government a vested interest in future energy After the Liberal government forced an end to a yearlong de-bate, the House of Commons on Wednesday passed, 125-102, the Canada Oil and Gas Act, which regulates exploration and produc-tion on federally owned properties, in offshore areas and in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The legislation goes to the Senate, where quick passage is expect-

Indira Gandhi

tionship with Pakistan, which the Reagan administration sees as the eastern anchor of a strategic grouping to protect the Gulf from Soviet expansionism, it appears that New Delhi is trying to reach a new accommodation with its South Asian neighbors to preserve its position.

Indian officials privately agree they are not as worried about the infusion of new U.S. arms to Pakistan as they are of the political implications of the new relationship, which could allow Islamabad pose a political threat to India's primacy on the subcontinent.

It is unclear whether this view led to the long-stalled indochinese talks that started Thursday in Peking, although China and Pakistan are firm friends and some Indians have expressed the fear that their country will be squeezed by what is sometimes referred to as the Washington-Islamabad-Peking pation in any company or group producing oil and gas in the so-called Canada Lands. The second guarantees the federal government a 25-percent share of all production from these areas, including those where exploration and dis-

coveries have occurred but production has not yet started.
Federal Energy Minister Marc

least 50-percent Canadian partici- Lalonde said Wednesday that Ottawa's 25-percent interest in all federal lands would ensure that "Canadians share in the benefits of the greatly increased value of the energy resources in the Canada Lands." He said industry would still get sufficient return on its investment and, in the case of foreign companies, a better return than they would get at home.

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India, China Open Bilateral Talks Aimed at Solving Border Dispute

By Christopher S. Wren

New York Times Service PEKING - Nearly two decades after they fought a short and bloody border war, China and India took a major step Thursday toward improving relations by opening bilateral negotiations to seek an eventual solution to their

Himalayan frontier dispute. The delicate talks, the details of which are being kept secret, were agreed to when the Foreign Minis-ter Huang Hua made a fencemending visit to India last June.

No specific agenda has been an-nounced and Peking-based diplomats do not expect any breakthroughs at this initial session, which is scheduled to last until next Monday. An Asian diplomatic analyst said he believed that the two sides would start by seeking modalities, or mutually suitable frameworks for dealing with the complex and emotional border issue. But the talks will also embrace trade, scientific, and cultural con-

Cordial Welcome

So far, the Chinese have cordially welcomed the Indian delegation, which arrived Monday evening to prepare for the negotiations. At a banquet here on Tuesday night, Deputy Minister of Foreign Af-fairs Han Nianlong said that China was "very pleased" about the talks and hoped that "with our common efforts, our discussion will surely proceed smoothly and

our friendly relations will grow." Eric Gonsalves, the head of the Indian delegation, replied that "we have no way to go other than forward with our friendly relation-Mr. Gonsalves, who is secretary of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, had made a prepuratory visit here last year,

proving relations, it was announced last week that Prime Minister Indisa Gandhi of India had accepted an invitation from Premier Zhao Ziyang to visit China at some future date. The invitation, originally extended when Mr. Huang visited New Delhi last June, was renewed when Mr. Zhao met Mrs. Gandhi at the North-South economic summit in Mexico

in October. The border dispute led to fierce high-altitude combat in 1962. Indis has accused the Chinese of seizing nearly 14,500 square miles in the Aksai Chin and Ledakh region of their common western frontier. The Chinese in turn have claimed that India bolds about 56,000 square miles of former Chinese territory on their eastern fron-

Last year, China declared that it was not asking for the return of territory "illegally incorporated into India by the old colonialists." Peking proposed that both countries make concessions by accepting the realities of the present bor-der. India rejected this as acquiescing to China's seizure of its land. The dispute exists because India adheres to the so-called McMahon line drawn between India and Ti-

bet by the British in 1915, while China bases its claim on a tribu-tary-based "traditional and conentional (rontier. Bocause the positions are so entrenched on both sides, the mutual decision to undertake the talks at all is viewed as something of a breakthrough. The Chinese had

previously contended that the border issue was so formidable an ob-

stacle that both sides should concentrate on other aspects of their bilateral relations. The Indians maintained that no real improvement in relations was possible un-til the border question was settled.

China's interest in restoring good relations with India seems motivated at least in part by its concern about Soviet activity in southern Asia, notably Afghanistan. Peking has also shown signs of wanting to bolster its standing in the developing world following its participation at the North-South economic talks in Cancin, Mexico, earlier this fall. It recognizes India's stature as one of the founders of the nonaligned move-

After Chinese troops overran the disputed border region in the west in October, 1962, diplomatic ties were virtually frozen until five years ago, when China and India decided to restore ambassadors. A slow and irregular thaw followed.

In early 1979, India's foreign minister visited Peking only to return home prematurely because China had attacked Vietnam which India supported. Prospects for improving relations were further stalled when Mrs. Gandhi recognized the new Vietnamese-backed regime of Heng Samrin in Cambodia in place of the deposed Poi Pot regime backed by China.

However, last year, the Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping was quoted as telling an Indian visitor to Peking that he saw no reason why the border problem could not be solved by repeated discussions. Last June, when Mr. Huang paid the first significant Chinese visit to India since Chou En-lai in 1960, he told reporters that he thought a "fair, comprehensible and reason able" solution could be found.

Bands of Pilgrims

The Chinese have since allowed small bands of Indian pilgrims to visit holy sites in Tibet. The overland trade route between India and China remains closed, except for what gets smuggled through Nepal. Nonetheless, Chinese-Indian trade has grown from virtually nothing two years ago to an esti-mated \$100 million annual turnover, running heavily in India's fa-

The contested border regions have been generally tranquil in recent years. Indian press reports last September that a company of Chinese troops had penetrated a few hundred yards into Indianheld Ladakh were promptly denounced as a "pure fabrication" by the People's Daily in Peking.

The Chinese Communist Party newspaper suggested that the story was being spread by pro-Soviet el-ements to sabotage the normalization of relations between China

Asia's two largest countries also have other political differences that are bound to influence the talks. Peking considers the government of Mrs. Gandhi too pro-Soviet and New Delhi has resented Chinese support for Pakistan's claim to the area of Kashmir held by India.

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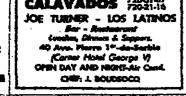
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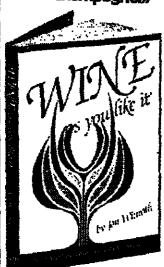
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right-hand man at the Avignon By David Stevens Festival and the festival's director i Herold Tribune after Vilar's death, impeccable PARIS — The atmosphere surcredentials for running one of Tounding the Paris Opéra has long swung wildly between states France's principal cultural monu-

of euphoria and crisis, but these

two conditions can rarely have ex-

introduced Massimo Bogianckino,

who is to take over in 1983 as ad-

Paul Puaux, who already has taken

over as the house's chief overall

administrator. There were pledges

of a new, large opera house

("moderne et populaire") by 1986

and of more money to be thrown

at the operatic art in Paris and the

provinces. In suspiciously familiar

phrases, there was much talk of "renewal of the repertory," of

"transformation of the Opera" and

the "propagation of the taste for

Getting Outside Help

cultural authorities have gone outside France to get an experienced man of the theater. Bogianckino,

administrative background, is a highly respected musical adminis-

the Rome Opera, Milan's La Scala,

the Spoleto Festival, and at pres-

ent, the Teatro Commale and

ence, Pusux, 61, was Jean Vilar's

By Noel Goodwin

International Herald Tribune

T ONDON - The Royal Ballet at Covent Garden

has just acquired a ballet by Sir Frederick Ashton, 33 years after it was first announced for the com-

pany. His "Illuminations" is a series of brief fantasy scenes on the life and verse of the 19th-century French poet Arthur Rimband. As set to music in Ben-

jamin Britten's 1939 song cycle, "Les Illuminations," it suggests a theme of innocence adrift and corrupted, a journey from reckless adolescence to a kind of ma-

The ballet was first planned in 1948, then shelved

after the death of Christian Bérard, who was to de-

sign it. Instead it was created with designs by Cecil

Beaton as an Ashton work for the New York City

Ballet, which premiered it in 1950 and brought it to

London on its first visit the same year. It was dis-

missed then by most critics here, including a leading

dance magazine, which called it "sordid and

unhealthy." It kept a place in the New York repertory, but was not seen again in London until now.

the new production, it looks almost chic, were it not

for the inventive metaphors and swift allusiveness of

Ashton's choreography. As with Britten's music, it is

an emotional response to Rimbaud, who wanted to

find a new use for language and who sought illumina-

tion by exploring the darkness. But unlike Britten, the

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isted simultaneously, as they have They will need all of their skills and experience to keep their The unaccountable optimism unwieldy ship aflost, let alone on came at a press conference at course. Puaux has aiready bumped which Culture Minister Jack Lang his head against the Opera's endemic labor problems, failing to persuade the electricians to push ministrateur général (in effect the artistic director) of the Opéra, and the button that would lift the curtain on a planned new production of Rameau's "Platée."

The labor problems were a key element in the turbulent rebearsal period, climaxing in the stormy departure of the production's stage director, Henri Ronse, and the designer, Beni Montresor. Although rehearsals were near completion, Bernard Lefort, the current artistic director, canceled the entire series of "Platée" - which was to have marked the gala reopening of the Palais Garnier after being closed several months for renovation of stage equipment — and has sched-uled a series of ballet performanc-

Once again, as they did a decade ago in hiring Rolf Liebermann to get the Opéra off the rocks, French Lefort, with 18 months to go before Bogianckino takes over, has meanwhile been having his ups and downs carrying out one of the 59; who has both an artistic and an new government's principal goals
—finding a wider audience for op-"Carmen" at the 4,500-seat trator who has proven himself at Palais des Sports did not please the regulars, but reached a lot of people. The Opera also has a share in Peter Brook's compact "La Tragédie de Carmen" at the

Royal Ballet Stages 'Illuminations'

es in their place.

Bouffes du Nord, brilliant but ta Simionato at La Scala two dechardly a formula for the future of opera. A trio of contemporary works at the Pompidou Center did not please, and the triple bill became a double bill after the first night. Kiri Te Kanawa and Frederica von Stade sold out "Der Rosenkavalier" at the Théâtre des

The Paris Opera: Tales of Hope, Scenes of Woe

Champs-Elysées, but Strauss' large orchestra had to be shrunk to fit in the theater's small pit. A series of contemporary baliets by the Opéra's experimental dance group was strictly for friends.

One of the ups has been the appearance at the Champs-Elysées of Rossini's "Semiramide," one of the hits of Lefort's tenure as director of the festival in Aix-en-Provence. The last opera the composer wrote for Italy, it has been enjoying a new lease on life since its revival with Joan Sutherland and Giuliet-

ades ago, although it has not been seen in Paris in living memory.

This time the soprano and meazo have been Montserrat Caballé in the title part and Marilyn Home in the trouser role of Arsace. They won ovations for their singing in the two celebrated duets, although these days the soprano tends to save herself for the big moments, while the bass Samuel Ramey all but stole vocal honors with Assur's grand, almost Verdian scene of re-

Pier-Luigi Pizzi's modish, all-white sets, with sliding doors and grand staircases, seemed too antiseptic for such a passionate work, but his staging functioned well enough considering that he was given no time to rehearse in Paris. Jesus Lopez-Cobos conducted

Spain's 'Picasso' Town

By James M. Markham

New York Times Service CALTOJAR, Spain — Until recently, few people had heard of Caltojar, a village in the north-central province of Soria with one telephone and 207 inhabitants. Then Angel Nuno, the secretary of Caltojar's town hall, got the idea of painting imitation Picassos on its white walls and low adobe

"At first we thought of paying homage to Velazquez," Nuno said. "But then we realized that it was

Ashley Page, newly promoted soloist in the company he joined from ballet school six years ago, has his

major role to date as the poet, and gives a strong, compelling performance under the guidance of New York City Ballet's John Taras, who prepared this pro-

duction with Ashton. The love partners are Genesia

Rosato, conveying a seductively "profane" abandon, and Jennifer Penney, in more symbolic and "spiritual" classical character, with good support from the

Also from the NYCB is its music director. Robert

Irving, as guest conductor. He combined rhythmic vivacity and expressive feeling in shaping the Britten

music, with Robert Tear the tenor soloist, not ideally

played with sensitive detail and character on the first

It was another personal success for Ashley Page in

this studiedly self-centered duet set in a dance studio, with the rapidly emerging Bryony Brind in a stunning

performance as the girl who intrudes on his reverie. The program finishes with dances from Bournon-

ville's "Napoli," newly staged by Kirsten Ralov from the Royal Danish Ballet. These are led with sparkle

and spirit by Lesley Collier, David Wall and Stephen

Jefferies, give much-needed solo opportunities to younger dancers and have no need of the postcard

Vesuvius on a backcloth to support a style of dance

Further performances are on Dec: 19 and 31.

placed in the pit for the greatest clarity. The orchestra

night as they also did with Debussy for another New York import, Jerome Robbins' "Afternoon of a

other dancers in assorted identities.

nica' was about to be brought to Spain. And most of the older students in the village knew who Pi-Casso was.

Numo got the idea last Easter and well before Madrid's official cultural establishment had begun its observances of the 100th anniversary of Pablo Picasso's birth the walls of Caltoiar began to sprout Picasso doves, harlequins, guitar players, demoiselles of Avignon and self-portraits. And Caltojar inaugurated its own, full-size "Guernica" two weeks before the original painting after returning from New York, was unveiled in Octo-

ber at an annex of Madrid's Prado. People in Caltojar live by raising sheep and growing wheat on the hard Soria plain, now cracked by drought, but they took eagerly to painting Picassos.

Teen-agers and schoolchildren did most of the work. At night, with a movie projector, they cast images of the Picassos of their choice on the walls and traced them. By day, they painted. A sign on the country highway that runs through Caltojar warns: "Caution:

A total of 51 paintings and a huge free-standing copy of "Guer-nica" have been finished. Others

Caltojar's painting spree has brought the village renown well be-youd the boundaries of Soria province. At official invitation, Nuno has taken delegations of children to Barcelona, the home of the Picasso Museum, and to Madrid, where they were invited to the "Guernica" opening.

Some villagers seem to find Caltojar's sudden fame a bit too much to handle. "It's so noisy." said a woman dressed in black. "Every weekend people coming to look at the paintings. And during the week, I bet there are at least four cars every day. It makes you afraid



Jim Bolden works out at coeducational Santa Monica Athletic Club in California.

Fitness Clubs Attracting 'Singles'

By Robert Lindsey New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Most evenings, hundreds of Lyoung men and women flock to the Holiday Health Spa on Olympic Boulevard, ostensibly to play racquetball, swim or lift weights.

But for many of them, including those who crowd the club's L-shaped, co-educational whirlpool tub, keeping fit is only an incidental pursuit. Here and in other American cities, the health club has become a new kind of meeting ground for young single people. "Health clubs are becoming the singles' bars of the '80s," says Ronald Gasaway, who manages the Amer-

ican Fitness Center in a suburb of Atlanta. Most of the clubs, sometimes called "total fitness centers" in current jargon, are elaborate shrines for Americans' recently awakened zeal for fitness. But many of those being set up now also include restaurants, bars, lounges and a social calendar of dances, ski trips and other events that seem more tailored for courtship than losing pounds or toning muscles.

Peter Jones, a vice president of Western Athletic Clubs Inc., said the clubs were meeting the needs of a new generation of men and women who are downtown professionals and work in city centers." Western Athletics owns two elaborate clubs in San Francisco and another in Seattle, is building a \$10-million facility in Houston and has plans for similar facilities in Boston, Washington and other cities.

More Wholesome Atmosphere

Jones said he doubted that such clubs would put many singles' bars out of business. But he said the clubs were playing a social role by bringing people together in an atmosphere more wholesome than a singles' bar. "Where is the young woman to go to meet a man?" he asked.

Interviews in several major U.S. cities indicated that despite the economic downturn there has been a rapid expansion in the development of facilities that combine sports and exercise facilities with social programs, and the interviews indicated that many members regard them as a desirable alternative to bars. "It's much less of a meat market here, so it's a lot

easier to talk to people," said Mary Chappuis, a

member of Houston's Westchase Club and an office

manager for a small oil exploration company. "And you get to stay in shape at the same time."

"In the bars everybody is on the prowl and almost everybody puts on airs," said Debbie Boldee, one of 27,000 members of the Sports Room group of clubs in Miami that provide restaurants and bars along with sports and exercise facilities. "Here, the people are friendler and more open, and no one can hide the

facts, at least physical."
"I don't feel comfortable in a singles' bar," Wendy Saper, a Miami court reporter, said. "Like me, many girls are shy when approched in the darkness of the bars. Here, there are plenty of lights and everything is

Victoria Horn, an official of the New York Health and Racquet Club in New York City, said, "People aren't going to spend \$600 to \$700 a year just to meet people," but she added that membership in the co-educational fitness programs sometimes blossomed into social relationships.

Lowering the Barricades

"It's like going anywhere where you're interested in the same things," she said. "It lowers people's barri-

ers when everyone's groaning together."

"The coed workouts are fun," said Arthur Brown of the Downtown Court Club in Chicago. "The first time I came, some great looking girls were nearby doing their stretches, and I did about 1,000 sit-ups. I think it's the meeting place of the 80s."

Jim Bolden, who owns a fresh fruit 'juice bar" at the Santa Monica Athletic Club, says about 80 percent of the members "come to socialize and work out," and 20 percent come for a hard-core workout. "You can meet upwardly mobile people, not a lot of gym rats," he went on. "You can combine your

time with working out and socializing."

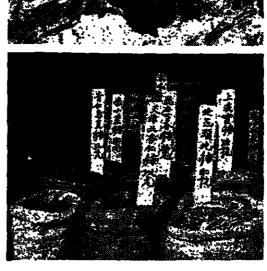
Laurence Shames, a New York free-lance writer
and a member of the Lincoln Square Squash Club near Lincoln Center, met his wife playing squash last year. "I really think the majority of people do go to play squash," he said, "but there definitely are people who make their contacts there; you're there with peo-ple with whom you have something in common. And, you get to see everyone in shorts."

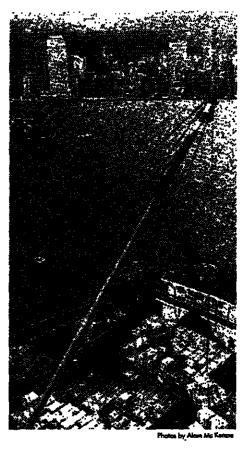
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The Changing of the Guard

By Peter Cordingley ONE DAY next April, Hong Kong will begin the first day

of whatever is left of the rest of its life. That is when the man who has governed the colony since 1971, Sir Murray MacLehose, steps down. Whoever replaces him will have the task of guiding the territory through its most crucial period since it was first occupied at the height of Britain's empire-building days a century and a half ago.

Traditionally, an incoming governor's term of office is for four years. By the time it is over, Hong Kong will probably know if it is to be allowed to survive into the 21st century as basically the same freak of history it is now -- a free-for-all capitalist colony, trespassing on the world's most populous, and arguably most xenophobic, Socialist

In 1997, Britain's lease on fivesixths of Hong Kong, the New Territories hinterland running up to the Chinese border, expires. In Western political terms, that may seem a long way off — there will be at least four U.S. presidential elections before then — but some of the most powerful forces in the colony measure time differently. They gauge things by the number of years it takes to begin banking the profit on an investment, and the 15 years to the end of the lease will soon be a decisive factor in their confidence in Hong Kong's economic future.

essentially meaningless, assurance from China's Deng Xiaoping that they can "put their hearts at ease."

In the absence of anything better to go on. Hong Kong govern-ment officials repeat the deputy chairman's message as if it con-tained some inscrutable signifi-cance that only they and Mr. Deng are privy to. But privately, the gov-ernment knows, Hong Kong's in-ternational business community ternational business community knows and the man in the street also probably knows that sometime during the next few years and almost certainly before the end of the next gubernatorial term of office — a specific commitment will be needed on what happens

Not that China is under any formal obligation to give one. It does not recognize the New Territories lease or, for that matter, the earlier ceding in perpetuity of Hong Kong Island and the Kowloon Peninsula, and so, publicly at least, for Pe-king 1997 is of no more importance than any other year.

But the Chinese need Hong Kong to remain a prosperous and "foreign" territory so that it will provide foreign exchange for the "four modernizations" program. So while they may say in public that they are in no hurry to settle the colony's status, they will probably be just as anxious as the Brit-

longer with the twice-avowed, but Margaret Thatcher visits Peking time next year.

But where would the next governor of Hong Kong fit into this scenario? Certainly not as a participant in talks — they would be be-tween London and Peking. But he could have a special role to play in the wings - to maintain the splendid relations that Sir Murray has carefully built with the Chinese

Given this, many people say that there would appear to be an obvious favorite among the halfdozen or so contenders tipped for the post. That is Sir Edward Youde, deputy undersecretary of state at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, As a former ambassador to Peking and a Mandarin speaker, the 57-year-old Sir Edward would need little briefing on China.

He recently underwent coronary-bypass surgery, but is already said to be fully recovered and anxious to take over in Hong Kong. For those people who see Sir Edward moving into Government House next April, the operation explains the somewhat alarming fact that, with only five months to go until Sir Murray's departure, no successor has been named. They say that he was probably chosen several months ago but that Whitehall has been waiting to see how he recovered before making an announcement. The thinking in those These millionaire investors are ish to start working on a blueprint circles is that the announcement of unlikely to make do for much for the future when Prime Minister Sir Edward's appointment will be



Sir Murray MacLehose

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But the trouble with that sort of Christmas present is that you can-not take it back, and many people in Hong Kong think that Sir Ed-ward would be the wrong man.

Wealth Distribution

While acknowledging his diplomatic qualifications, they say that a different sort of governor is needed to guide Hong Kong through the decisive period ahead What is needed, they say, is an administrator, someone capable of tacking the complex domestic problems of a city-state of 5 mil-lion people that in 30 years has surged from being a backwater en-trepot to one of the top 20 trading powers in the world and one of the top four financial centers.

The people of Hong Kong are



Sir Jack Cater

justifiably proud of how a territory only a little larger than New York City, with no natural resources and not even enough drinking water of its own, has become the envy of powerful nations that control their own political destiny and have boundless natural wealth and advantages. But not everybody has

shared the fruits of that growth. Sir Murray is generally considered the most successful of the 25 governors who have ruled Hong Kong — although cynics would probably say that there has not been much real competition for the title - and he has introduced real improvements in some social areas. But his critics say that, for a man who was heralded 11 years ago as a reformer, he has fallen short of expectations.

Few of the traditional socioe-(Continued on Page 11S)

A Flagship of Resilience

By Alan Hargreaves

COR HONG KONG manufac-I turers, each September is a big month. It is the time of the year when the tiny territory undergoes a surge in exports to fill the Christmas orders of major buyers in North America and Europe. September this year was very much like any other. Output and

exports were up, and credit was easily secured. For the people of Hong Kong, these are not surprising trends. But against the current rigors of the in-

ternational economy, Hong Kong stands out as the flagship of resilience to world recession. Growth projections for the col-ony are already nudging 10 per-cent, making it the front-runner in

economic performance not only in Asia but in the world. According to third-quarter fig-ures, exports were up 23.4 percent

from 1980, while re-export growth managed to steam along at 27.3 percent. Such figures reflect Hong Kong's reputation as one of the most flexible economies in the

Quick to Adapt

Faced with fundamental changes in traditional markets and growing protectionist sentiment in the West, the myriad numbers of small manufacturers have been quick to adapt. The weakened Hong Kong dollar has forced many to cut profit margins heavily in an effort to maintain international competitiveness. At the

same time, the economy is showing definite signs of moving up the technological ladder to higher-value-added manufacturing products.

Moving "upmarket" is an increasingly common theme in Asia. The scenario goes something like this: Asian populations are becom-ing better-educated; the cost of labor is escalating; overseas markets are slapping quotas on traditional labor-intensive exports such as textiles and basic electronic goods; the solution, therefore, is to move into higher-technology manufac-turing products that so far have no protectionist restrictions, that yield greater value added and that a more educated Asia is increasingly able to produce.

To some extent, this indicates that one form of technology transfer has successfully taken place. Televisions, for example, were once assembled in North America. When labor became too expensive compared to less developed countries, the assembly process was moved out to places like Hong Kong, Having now learned the television business, Hong Kong manufacturers have moved on to design and manufacture their own sets and some are now considering moving the assembly business to somewhere with lower labor costs
—places as far afield as Sri Lanka, although Guangdong province, across the border in China, is a more likely destination.

The trend is not confined to the so-called new technology sector. Traditional sectors are moving in

the same direction. Textiles remain the backbone of the economy but are undergoing rapid transformation in product lines. This is largely because of quotas and tariffs in major markets. To get around restrictions on basic garments, manufacturers are moving into higher fashion — so much so that highly regarded European and U.S. brand names are turning to Hong Kong to produce new designs.

Fashion Industry

Hong Kong's own fashion industry made an especially well-received debut at the Paris pret-aporter shows earlier this year much to the surprise of manufacturers and designers elsewhere in the world.

In the technology-based industries, the move upmarket is more visible, although they are still dom-inated by thousands of small firms. Many of these companies however, are emerging as sophisticated electronics manufacturers in their own right. Astec International Ltd., for example, began operations in 1972, assembling low-cost electronic components. Today, it designs, develops and engineers high-level components that are incorporated into some of the most sophisticated products coming out of California's so-called Silicon

To a large extent, Hong Kong is able to move quickly into hightechnology products because of the relative cheapness of the tech-(Continued on Page 10S)

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From Ferry to Ricksha, and Everything in Between

HONG KONG — When he is stuck in the rain waiting for a bus at rush hour, the average Hong Kong citizen probably will not believe it, but the territory has one of the finest public transportation systems in the world, and certainly the most varied.

Where else could a commuter go to work by ferry, hover-ferry, tram, funicular railway, (for the brave only) ricksha or (for the wealthy only) helicopter, as well as by more conventional means such as train, subway, bus or taxi?

The range of services includes more than 3,000 buses, 4,300 14-seater minibuses, 163 trams, 10,000 taxis, nearly 100 ferries and a subway system with trains running as frequently as every three

The subway — the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) — is the real pride of Hoog Kong's transport planners. The first section was opened in October, 1979, and in its first 15 months it carried 180 million people, approximately 600,000 people per day. It is fully computerized, clean, spacious and extremely effiwithin two minutes of the sched-

At the moment, there are 15 stations in the network, but with current extension work 10 more will Trams continue to rattle along, just as they have since 1904. People with loose teeth fillings would probably do well not to use them, but they are faithful — and cheap.

ahead of schedule at a cost of more cient and comfortable as any in than \$1 billion, but it did not cost the taxpayer. The project was financed by export credits covering construction and equipment contracts with overseas companies, with the balance funded by local and international banks. All the loans are expected to be repaid by 1993.

Hong Kong's two bus compa-nies receive less praise from the public, despite the fact that 3.3 million people travel by bus every day. Until they began modernizing their fleets, under government pressure, the companie many secondhand British models that would have been more at ease cient. Ninety-eight percent of the in the peaceful atmosphere of a trains arrive at their destination museum. In the constant stop and go of Hong Kong traffic, they proved to be far better at stopping than going and their breakdowns always appeared to be at the most ient places.

be opened to the public next year.

The section that is operational sized double-deckers are appearing was completed several weeks on the road and they are as effi-

often end up in a magical mystery tour around the colony.

The Star Ferry is one of the staples of the Hong Kong postcard industry. Its 10 vessels cross the harbor between Hong Kong island and the Kowloon peninsula, but trade has fallen off since the MTR opened its cross-harbor in February of last year. The Hongkong and Yauman Ferry Co. also operates across the harbor, as well as along the northern shore of Hong Kong island and to outlying is-lands. In the evening, the trip to Cheung Chau island, sitting on the open deck at the back with the sea breeze in your hair and a drink in your hand, is probably one of the finest ways known to man to wind down after a day's work.

But life for the commuter, living and working in urban areas, can be considerably less exotic. Hong Kong's roads are at the saturation point and at rush hour, the fastest form of transport is the oldest one by foot. Priority lanes for buses have been introduced, sometimes with considerable success and sometimes with disastrous results.

There are simply too many vehicles on the road or, as the Automo-bile Association argues, too few roads for the vehicles. Unless the government takes decisive action soon, much of the public transport system may be doomed to paraly-

- PETER CORDINGLEY

Widespread Changes In Financial System

By Danielle Donougher

THE LAST six months have seen what appear to be wide-spread changes in the government's supervision of Hong Kong's financial system.

The banking and deposit-taking company (DTC) ordinances have been substantially restructured. There have been reports of unusually heavy intervention by the government on the foreign exchanges in support of the Hong Kong dol-lar and, most recently, the govern-ment announced what amounts to a totally new role for its reserves intervention on the local interbank market.

At the same time, the government is reported to have backed down from a proposal to levy stamp duty on unit trusts, and the financial community is confident that a further change is in the pipeline. Following strong pressure from the Hong Kong Association of Banks (HKAB), the much-criticized 15-percent withholding tax on foreign currency deposits is expected to be lifted.

While the stamp duty and withholding tax changes can be seen as a relaxation of government regulations, the other moves have been criticized as significant departures from the long-standing policy of

Financial Secretary John Brem-ridge has emphasized repeatedly, however, that the policy has not changed. More surprisingly, many bankers seem to agree. They suggest that there has been no fundamental alteration in official atti-tudes, rather a change of emphasis. including an increasing involve-ment by government in the day-to-day workings of the financial sys-

The history of the government acting as deus ex machina to the financial sector is not a new one. Twice in the last 20 years, the government imposed a moratorium on the issue of new bank licenses, first in 1965 and again in 1979. Addi-

tionally, the interest rate agreement, a cartel controlling the level of interest paid by banks on shortterm deposits, has been in force with the government's blessing since 1964. The first banking ordinance dates back to 1948, and in 1976 the DTC ordinance was introduced to regulate the activities of those institutions that had doveloped largely as the result both of the bank license moratorium

and the interest rate agreement.

changes is not hard to find. When Mr. Bremridge's predecessor, Sir Philip Haddon-Cave, presented his final budget to the Legislative Council in February, he was able to report an impressive 9-percent growth in the economy last year, and an enormous government sur-plus of HK\$9.3 billion. But he also had to admit to a 40-percent growth in the broad-based measure for the money supply, MW, and a 64-percent growth in total loans and advances. Inflation at 15 percent — significantly higher than that of major trading partners — was similarly disturbing, and the recognition that the impetus for growth was shifting from do-mestic exports to consumer demand suggested that no slowdown

The government's policy throughout, as recently reiterated by Mr. Bremridge, has been to depend as far as possible on the self-correcting tendencies of the economy, the so-called automatic adjustment mechanism. The credit explosion, high inflation and Hong Kong's property boom were indi-cations that the adjustment process was not progressing smoothly and that severe imbal-ances had developed.

While staunchly maintaining on the one hand Hong Kong's open economy and the absence of a public debt, which left the authorities very little control over the financial system, the government has on the other hand been steadily strengthening its hold on the HONG

lier this year, involving the creregisterd DTCs, were implemented imarily "to ensure an effective The reason for the most recent interest rate agreement is available as an instrument of monetary poli-Sir Philip said.

By consolidating the structure of the HKAB and by removing DTCs from the competition for shortdeposits of less than HK\$50,000, he hoped both to strenthen the interest rate agree ment and to protect the stability of the financial system as a whole.

The importance of the interest rate tool was demonstrated in September, when the Hong Kong dollar fell to a low against the U.S. dollar, largely as the result of the large differential that had been allowed to develop between Hong Kong and U.S. interest rates. Local interest rates were raised a few weeks later, and almost immedistely the Hong Kong unit began to

Despite such modest, and perhaps only temporary, success, critics of the government argue that the interest rate agreement should be relaxed, not strengthened, suggesting that it was the agreement itself that was responsible for the overheating of the economy. Had bankers not been constrained by the agreement, rates would have adjusted more rapidly to reflect market trends, including the level of rates in the United States, and Hong Kong's credit explosion might never have taken place.

It appears, however, that the government is not yet satisfied with the extent of its control on interest rates. Last month, Mr. Bremridge announced that arrangements had been made with

interest rates. Major changes in the the government's bankers "for op-banking and DTC ordinances earmarket on behalf of the Exchange ation of a three-tier system of li- Fund," which consists of the govcensed banks, licensed DTCs and erument's accumulated reserves tosether with receipts in respect to note issue.

The statement was interpreted by financial observers to mean that the government would use its reserves to drain funds from the local interbank market in order to raise the level of the interbank rate, thereby suppressing both the demand for and the supply of short-term credit. The operation could presumably be made to work

in reverse.

Such an exercise, however, would be extremely costly to the government. It would not be able use the funds drawn from the interbank market because to place them on deposit with a local bank or to change them into a foreign currency would channel the money back into the local monetary system, thus defeating the purpose of the operation. At the same time, however, the government would be paying for the loan at the prevail-

Despite all the changes that have taken place and those that are being considered, Mr. Bremridge does appear to have retained the support of large sectors of the fi-nancial community. Some issues that have been targets of criticism in the past remain unresolved, no-tably the plea that the government should redefine specified liquid as-sets to include Hong Kong dollar-denominated certificates of deposit in order to stimulate a local secondary money market, plus uncertainty as to whether share dealings by unit trusts are subject to profits tax, and the ability of foreign banks to "manufacture" liquidity by lending to and borrowing back from parent banks abroad, thus regulation in Hong Kong.

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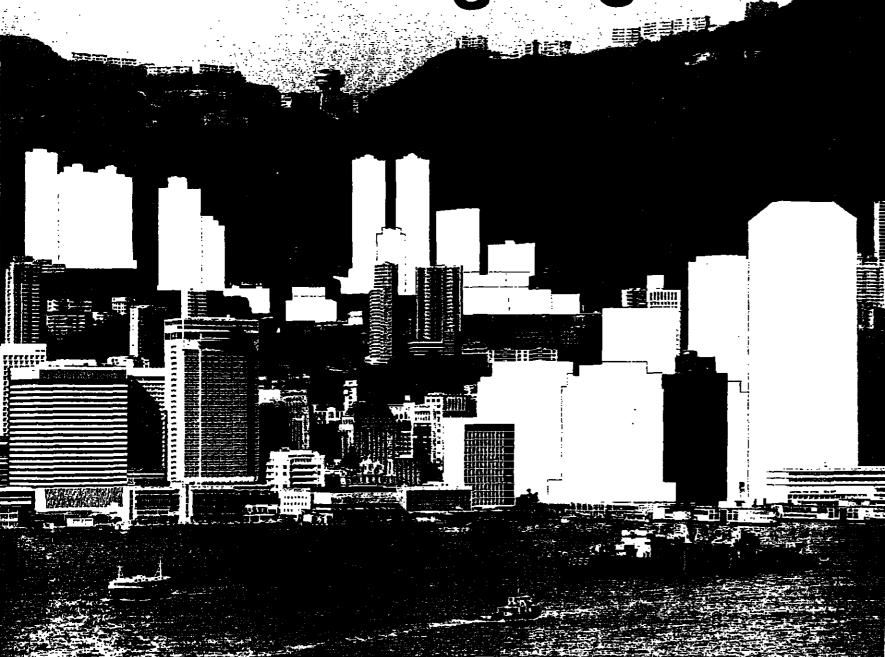
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Social Reforms Held Necessary

HONG KONG — "In a place like this, it needs something like serious social unrest to bring about changes. This community — and by that I mean the government and the employers — will not wake up until something like that

A hard-line British trade unionist assailing Thatcher monetarism? No, the warning comes from the Rev. Hans Lutz, the mild-spoken deputy director of Hong Kong's Christian Industrial Committee.

The Rev. Lutz, a Swiss, is no alarmist, and the Christian Indus-trial Committee is no leftist crusading force out to destroy capitalism. It is a moderate pressure improved social welfare for industrial workers.

It operates at the grass roots level — the Rev. Lutz lives in a working-class Chinese district and that is why many people believe that its assessment of the mood of the labor force should be taken seriously. The Rev. Lutz said: "The working people of Hong Kong have great resilience. They have endured a lot in the past and come through it, but there is now a ground swell of discretisfication about the results." satisfaction about the way they are being treated. I wouldn't describe it as anger yet, but if something is not done soon to protect their in-terests, I don't think quite serious trouble can necessarily be ruled

Just what it takes to snap the pa-tience of Hong Kong's industrious and largely conservative working class is difficult to gange, but the Rev. Lutz is not alone in believing that remedial measures must be

Unemployment Growth

In a rare display of harmony, the Federation of Trade Unions and the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, representing employers, recently predicted a significant growth in unemployment. Govern-ment statistics put the number of obless at 102,000, or 4.1 percent, but this does not take into account a relatively new thing --- underem-

And it is here that the Rev. Lutz, the unions and the industrialists agree that the dangers lie. The Rev. Lutz said: "Hard-core unemployment is not really a problem yet, although it is double what it was two years ago. But more and more people are having to work shorter hours. Their take-home pay has dropped substantially, and amilies are suffering real hardships. Our estimate is that, for every person who is unemployed, there is another who is underem-

A survey conducted by the Christian Industrial Committee in the Kwun Tung area showed that 40 percent of the workers had experienced some unemployment or short-time working during the previous 10 months. About one-fourth of those interviewed had expenenced a drop of one-half in their earnings, and nearly 50 percent earned less than the equivalent of \$220 per month.

The world recession is partly to blame. Hong Kong factories, particularly the textile mills and related industries, are receiving shortterm orders only, most of them small. Production schedules have been cut back and workers, most of whom are employed on a piecerate basis, are getting thinner pay

But there are other factors. Hong Kong industry is in the throes of a radical structural change, with the emphasis moving away from the chean labor-intenin electronics and that means less labor. Then there is the problem of im-

migration, both legal and illegal, from China. Until the government introduced strict measures in October of last year, denying the traditional right of residence to any illegal immigrant who managed to sneak past border guards "touch base" in the urban area, more than 80,000 of these people entered the territory each

These, along with the Chinese taking up residence through legal immigration, had been swelling the population by something like 150,000 a year. They swamped the labor market and, because they were often prepared to take work at a lower rate than the locals, artificially deflated wages.

Wage rates in some manufacturing sectors are said to have fallen off by 10 percent and this, combined with shorter working hours. growing unemployment and the rapid rise in the cost of living, has produced the potential for social unrest that the Rev. Lutz speaks about

There is a public assistance cheme for those who fall below the poverty line, but it bears little relation to what is needed to keep body and soul together in an in-dustrial society like Hong Kong. A single unemployed person is digible for a payment of the equivalent of \$64 a month — barely enough for food. A married couple with three children would receive \$200.

The government says that it wants to prevent social welfare loafers a Panglaise, but its critics say that the inadequacies of the public assistance scheme, as they see them, are more a reflection of the authorities' traditional lack of concern for the underprivileged.

Hong Kong's labor laws, the critics argue, are tilted toward maximum production at minimum cost and inconvenience to the government and the employers. As evidence, they cite the fact that there is no minimum wage, no sickness benefit, no unemployment insurance, no pension, no compulsory tirement age for blue-collar workers and no maximum working hours for men.

There is also no insurance provision for widows with young children. Regulations do exist for the employment of women and chil-dren, but with just 200 inspectors for 45,000 factories, these and other laws can be flouted with littie real fear of detection.

adequate, the critics say. Last year, there were 48,000 industrial accidents - more than 130 a day on the average. A total of 110 people were killed at work, a toll that is six times higher than Britain's.

Of the 71 International Labor Organization conventions ratified by Britain, only 47 have been applied in Hong Kong, and some were specifically designed for dependent territories.

The critics accuse the govern-ment of tailoring industrial legislation to keep the trade unions weak. Broad-based unions on the British model are banned, political funds for members are not allowed and ate with an international organization without special authorization.

Housing Conditions

About 2 million people experi-ence intolerable housing condi-tions by Western standards. Threequarters of a million live in squatter huts, shacks made of wood and other odds and ends, often without basic facilities such as

Two million people live in public housing. Some of the housing estates built in recent years are first-class, but many of the old ones are little more than high-rise slums, with communal toilets and showers. Hundreds of thousands of people have applied for public housing, and the waiting period for new homes in the urban area is

eight years.

By contrast, some foreigners and wealthy natives live in conditions of considerable opulence. The monthly rent for an apartment in a select district such as Repulse Bay can be \$12,000, and there is no shortage of takers.

A popular argument in the past

for rationalizing the social inequal-nies of the Hong Kong system has been that, in a free market, a pauper can become a millionaire; all that is needed is some luck, a lot of bard work and the right incentive — that is, knowing there is no social welfare "safety net" to catch him if he falls.

That is still the case. But what is equally true, according to an increasingly large school of thought, is that the people of Hong Kong are changing. Many young people have been educated abroad and those who have not have only to watch the television news to see how labor militants in other countries win concessions from governments and employers.

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A Flagship of Resilience

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nology. The cost of setting up a microprocessor plant is minuscule when put beside the price of the traditional weapons of economic development — say, an iron and steel complex. Hong Kong's small manufacturers can buy basic chip manufacturing equipment for as little as HK\$100,000. Collectively, they are creating an industry of

considerable magnitude.
Solid proof of the strength of the new electronics was the public flotation of the electronics group, Conic, in August. The issue marked the first industrial float in Hong Kong in eight years. The fact that it was oversubscribed more than sevenfold indicates the level of investor confidence in this

In classic Hong Kong fashion, all of this is taking place within the private sector and of its own accord. Although the government held a lengthy inquiry into the need to diversify into new industries, it has done little to encourage the trend. Unlike Singapore, which, due to its size and predominantly Chinese population, is regularly compared with Hong Kong, the colony's administration is sticking to its time-honored policy of nonintervention.

Hong Kong's quick-footed en-trepreneurs seem to prefer it that

It was this situation that led the American economist Milton Friedman to launch his "Free to Choose" series with an analysis of Hong Kong. Observers generally agree that, despite its shortcomings, the pure capitalist nature of Hong Kong business is one of the main reasons that its economic performance can continue un-

Is Time Running Out On 'Borrowed Place'?

HONG KONG, Chou En-lei main Hong Kong as long as it is of value to China. Deng Xiaoping inheritor of the pragmatic mantle in Peking, continues to urge that investors in the colony out their hearts at ease." But author Han Suyin has called "borrowed time in a borrowed place" is fast running out. If a single development con-centrated the minds of the colony's 5 million people, it was the passage earlier this year of Brit-ain's new Nationality Act. In practice, the act alters nothing: the description of Hong Kong's people has been changed, but

not the rules on living in Britain, denied to them since 1962. Nonetheless, viewed from Hong Kong, it looked like an at-tempt by Westminster to shuffle off its responsibility not only for 6 million "British" passport holders, but also for the future of the entire territory.

Informed Speculation

So among academics, intellecmals, government servants and the large and growing middle class, crystal ball gazing has taken on a new urgency. Neither Peking, London nor the Hong

strated a public readiness to clear the mist of uncertainty. What remains is informed specu-

Relations between Hong Kong and China, based on inter-

China feeds and waters Hong

Kong, provides it with signifiquantities of oil and coal and conducts much of Chinese foreign trade through its bustling port and financial houses. Hong Kong, for its part, offers China financial and technological expertise sorely lacking on the mainland. Forty percent of Peking's foreign currency earnings, an estimated HK\$30 billion, comes from the colony, and the vast majority of investment in joint venture projects and cooperation enterprises in the neighboring special economic zone of Shenzhen comes from Hong Kong's Chinese business-

Chinese Stand

The optimistic conventional wisdom is that, if China's stumbling "four modernizations" are cceed and meet the people's rapidly rising expectations, Hong Kong will continue to be of value to China well beyond



Young Chinese in Shen Zhen town, capital of new economic zone bordering Hong Kong.

rections. First, they look to the recent Chinese offer of reunifica-

tion with Taiwan on a basis

whereby the island would re-

main a self-governing unit and

the end of Britain's lease on the New Territories in 1997. How to give discernible substance to such an optimistic view is anoth-

China has never recognized the legality of any treaties related to Hong Kong. They are unequal and were signed under duress by the Quing dynasty. Who in Peking will be prepared to acknowledge formally the treaties and go on to acknowledge that "foreign devil" rule of part of China be allowed, indeed encouraged, to continue? The political risks are enormous. Those seeking clues for a

maintain its social and economic systems within the context of the People's Republic. Second, and perhaps more in-structively, they look west, across the Pearl River estuary to

the little Portuguese enclave of Macao. The Portuguese have maintained themselves on the China coast for more than 400 years without a treaty. The territory is, in phraseology approved by Peking and Lisbon, "Chinese territory temporarily under Portuguese administration." Foreign administrators defer to a de facto Chinese proconsul, a prosperous banker and busing and investment booms.

A survey conducted in Hong Kong recently showed that roughly one-third of the population would choose to leave if it were repossessed by China. Unless some sort of confidence boosting formula is evolved soon, the exodus of the skilled and their money will gather pace, and the stability and pros-perity that Peking relishes in Hong Kong will begin to crum-

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The Controversial Nationality Act

BRITAIN'S controversial new D Nationality Act, which creates three categories of citizens, has caused considerable concern in Hong Kong. When it becomes law next year, about 2.6 million Hong Kong-born Chinese presently known as citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies (CUKC) will be retitled British dependent territory citizens (BDTC).

A leading Hong Kong Chinese, the millionaire Sir Y.K. Kan, summed up much of the feeling in the colony when he said that the change was "another nail in our

Morbidity is not a common state of mind in Britain's last outpost in the Par East, but with Hong Kong's future hanging on a lease that China does not even recognize, the local reaction to the bill was understandably pessimistic. Despite the British government's reassurance that it still had an unshakable commitment" Hong Kong, there was a wide-spread feeling that the bill demoted half the territory's population to second-class citizenship, confirming suspicions about London's lack of concern for its colonial

Sense of Insecurity

At the least, the Nationality Act was chumsily timed. Earlier this Britain decided to raise school fees for foreign students. To Hong Kong's anger, students from the European Economic Community countries were not classified as foreign and were therefore exempt from the increase, but those from Hong Kong were considered foreign. Added to this was Britain's siding with Western protec-tionists against its colony in the Multi-Fiber Agreement trade

Hong Kong's reaction to these matters may seem immature, or at best insensitive, to Britain's eco-

nomic and social problems, but it does faithfully reflect the colony's ving sense of psychological and political insecurity

As the Hong Kong Association a group of prominent business leaders — said in a statement: "Despite the high level of confi-dence that the British government and the People's Republic of China will in due course reach an accommodation acceptable to the people of Hong Kong which will secure its future beyond 1997, the fact that at present there is no indication of actual progress towards such an accommodation inevitably increases flocall sensitivity towards any action by the British authorities which appears to weaken the status of Hong Kong and Hong Kong-born citizens. There is certainly a strong feeling that, in the

What happens when 'dependence' on

Britain finally ends?

moral sense, the British obligation towards Hong Kong has perceptibly altered.

British citizenship is equated with the right to live and work in the United Kingdom — a right that Hong Kong-born Chinese lost in 1962, when the Commonwealth Immigration Act was passed. There was no public reaction to that move, which put all colonial passport holders under British immigration control because as a Hong Kong official said, "1997 vas so far away then."

Hong Kong's anguish over the implications of losing its CUKC tag began in 1977 when the then-Labor government in London published a discussion paper on the British nationality issue. The pro-

the colonies British overseas citi zens (BOCs). But as the BOC term did not "accurately reflect the relationship between the U.K. and Hong Kong," the Hong Kong offi-cial said, "we protested."

By the time the Conservative Party came to power in 1979, a third category — citizen of British dependent territory — was created. largely to accommodate Hong Kong's sensitivity toward the BO term, which was then applied to those people born in former colunies who had chosen to remain British subjects rather than become citizens of their newly independent state.

At no time did Hong Kong object to Britain's right to set its own immigration house in order. "It is well understood," said Sir Y.K. Kan chairman of the Hong Kong Association, "that Britain cannot accord several million Hong Kongborn people the automatic right to enter Britain permanently. No or-ganization in Hong Kong suggests such an obligation or possibility But during the passage of the latest act, British administrators in

the colony were aware of the unhappiness among their subjects, and when the House of Lords approved an amendment allowing Gibraltarians the right to British citizenship, they were helpless against a barrage of criticism calling the move racist.
The Nationality Act, the admin-

istration maintains, does not deprive Hong Kong-born Chinese of anything. This is true in that what they have not had since 1962 -the right to live and work in Britcannot be taken away now.

Apart from the often convoluted legal and constitutional arguments citizenship and nationality rights, the legislation has served to focus attention on the real question: What happens when Hong

Colony's Past Lies Buried Under Layers of the Present

workable formula look in two di-

By Anton Ferreira THE LAST 30 years, Hong Kong has boomed and grown rich, but along the way it has lost its past, if not its soul.

The colonial trading post's phenomenally successful transformation into one of the world's major finance and business centers has created an almost insatiable demand for office and living space, but space is one thing that Hong Kong does not have much of. So the fierce competition for real estate makes the colony among the most expensive places in the world - a prime site can bring \$10,000 a

To make a respectable return on his investment, no property developer would contemplate putting up a building with less than 20 floors. Few buildings built before the 1960s can generate that kind of revenue, so they have to make way

for ones that can. A lecturer in history at the Hong Kong University, Alan Birch, esti-mates that 95 percent of the buildings have been built since World War II, and the remaining 5 percent are fast being squeezed out. The result is that the local blend of traditional Chinese and colonial architecture has all but disappeared, leaving little evidence that the city existed before the development of high-rise construction techniques. But the people do not seem to care.

"Hong Kong has no sense of the past." Mr. Birch said. "The first settlers were migratory and have no organic roots here. They allow their traditional structures and ancestral homes to crumble into ruins, and of course they have even less interest in the colonial buildings. As one of my students told me, they don't want to be reminded of their past as coolies. Many of the old buildings are symbols of British authority.

He believes that visible reminders of a place's history are necessary to give people a sense of identity, but says that it was no use preserving individual hulldings. "You have to keep whole areas, but that's not possible because there's been no planning." there's been no planning. Hong Kong is doomed to be a hotch-potch of the latest fashions in architecture, with profit the only design consideration."

The government has not done a great deal to preserve the heritage, spart from appointing a semioffi-cial Antiquities Advisory Board, which is empowered only to reccommend the preservation of buildings. So far, however, the government has acted on few of its recommendations. An example is the disappearance of the Hong Kong Club, an 80-year-old Victorian edifice described as architecturally interesting, rather than elegant.

But whatever its aesthetic merits, it was probably more than any other building the symbol of old Hong Kong, so when the owners atmounced that the site was to be tedeveloped, a large section of the foreign community was outraged. Preservationists petitioned every-one from the authorities in neighboring Guangdong province to Queen Elizabeth, but in vain. The Antiquities Board recommended that the government preserve it,

The club's fatal flaw was that it occupied a choice site in central Hong Kong with an estimated tedevelopment value of \$300 milion. As a gracious retreat where tired executives relexed with brandy and cagars, it was not doing full commercial justice to its location. The executive secretary of the Antiquities Board, Solomon Bard, said that there was an extremely good historical case for preserving it, but the government decided that it was not in the public interest to spend so much taxpayers' money on compensating the owners for the loss of its redevelop-

"We have great difficulty pr serving privately owned buildings," Mr. Bard said. "We need a very strong case, and even when we do have one, as with the club, we are not necessarily successful. Commercial interests have a very strong impact here.

According to its annual report, what the board has achieved is the reservation of "some historically interesting postal boxes," some old electric street lamps and the last four working gas lamps in the territory. As for buildings, the board has generally been able to preserve only memories. It plans to install metal plaques on the buildings that have replaced historic ones. The city hall will be remembered like this, as will the first plot of

land sold by public anction.

Mr. Bard would like to do more. but it is already too late. "We looked for an intact part of typical old Hong Kong to preserve, but we couldn't find one. Redevelopment has encroached everywhere. Characteristic buildings are disappearing at a colossal rate, probably faster than anywhere else in the

After its failure to save the club, the board has become pessimistic. The oldest botel in Hong Kong, the Repulse Bay, built 60 years ago and the scene of fierce fighting during the Japanese World War II invasion, is due for demolition early next year. But nobody on the board has suggested recommend-ing its preservation. "If we did, the result would probably be the same as with the club," Mr. Bard said.

Another conservationist group that has lost heart is the Heritage Society. "The society probably won't last much longer," said a member, archaeologist William Meacham. "All we can do when we hear of an important building being demolished is sigh curse and utter profanities, but it's impossible to accomplish anything. The government never takes action without the owner's consent." He is particularly concerned that rede-velopment is destroying valuable archaeological sites before they can be recorded.

The chairman of the society, another architect, David Russell, is equally gloomy. He believes that old Hoag Kong is the victim of the government's inability to keep against the planning demands of government's inability to keep pace with the planning demands of the colony's rapid postwar growth. "Even today, the people in government responsible for planning are not of the right caliber, and because it's not an elected government, it's impossible to do anything about it. The only hope for thing about it. The only hope for Hong Kong's heritage is the ap-pointment of a governor who is in-terested in it. But a Renaissance man in charge here is too much to

Mr. Russell is critical of the gov-ernment for what he sees as its fail-ure to take the initiative in planure to take the initiative in planning on a human scale, but he reserves some of his strongest condemnation for professional colleagues, "Architects here are too willing to go along with their clients' desire for buildings that are cheap and quick. And they never criticize what's happening to the environment because they would be osteroid by the profession."

He stresses that, with a little imagination, property developers could increase their profits and improve the environment at the same

The Changing of the Guard

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conomic injustices of a colonial system have been tackled during Sir Murray's governorship, the critics say, He may have displayed far more compassion than any of his predecessors for the people of Hong Kong, but when he leaves next April, the territory will still be basically what is was before he arrived: a money-making mechine geared exclusively to the interests

of hig business. The time has come, the critics say, for a governor who is trusted ad himself from what a commenta-by Peking but who is also prepared tor has called the policy of profit to break with the old ways and see before people.

that Hong Kong's considerable wealth is more evenly distributed. That men, they say, is Sir Jack Cater, who until recently was the colony's chief secretary. Sir Jack has served in various posts in the territory for the last 36 years and is the nearest thing in the administration to a man of the people.

But his posting out of the colony last month to the job of commis-sioner in Hong Kong's London office presumably means that he is out of the running, particularly as in his farewell speech he dissociattime. But their insistence that "cheapest is best" results in drab uniformity and, what is worse in Hong Kong's cash-register consciousness, false economy. The city's buildings are so badly designed, Mr. Russell said, that they ould be minhabitable without

air-conditioning, which means as-tronomical fuel bills. He thinks that, because of the expense of maintaining the new buildings, few of them have a lifespan beyond the expiration of the New Territories

"Hong Kong is digging its own

commercial future is secondary for him. He is more concerned about what is happening to its psyche. "These old buildings aren't just quaint. They provide reference coints in an unstable society. If they disappear, so do our roots

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Supervising the Securities Market

R OBERT FELL is a man with a big job and not much time. As Hong Kong's newly arrived commissioner for securities, he made it clear in his first week that he intended to impose some discipline on the stock market But his appointment is temporary and the position has been advertised inter-

i nationally.

i Mr. Fell's point is that there must be equity between all shareholders in takeovers and mergers and that, when control of a company has a value in itself, the premium must be shared by everybody. In other words, fair play dictates that an offer be made to all investors in a company, not just a lucky

While that is accepted practice few worrd in Europe and the United States, a steps on series of takeover bids has demonstrated that Hong Kong investors cannot take fair play for granted.

The issue came to the fore again

last month with a proposed merger of two companies under the control of Sir Y.K. Pao, the world's largest private shipowner.

Takeover Proposal

His proposal in effect, was for Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf the subject of a highly undisciplined takeover battle only last year, and in which Sir Y.K. Pao has a 47-percent interest — to smallow his flagship World International in which he and his family own 75 percent. Sir Y.K. Pao's interests would end up with 45 percent of

the combined group's capital.
The arrival of Mr. Fell notwithstanding, the proposal once again demonstrated the weakness of Hong Kong's Securities Commission. Having already ruled last year that Sir Y.K. Pao had taken control of Wharf, the commission could not now say that he had tak-en control with the latest deal. So it could not ask him to make a general offer. Even if the commission had made such a request, it could not have enforced it. Last year, it called on Sir Y.K. Pao to make a general bid, and he simply said that he did not have the resources.

As in the battle in 1980 for Wharf between Sir Y.K. Pao and

No adviser was appointed to put the case for small shareholders. who were being asked to vote for the merger three weeks before they received the formal document, to the establishment of the securi-Such niceties were overlooked as the Securities Commission gave tacit blessing to Sir Y.K. Pao. Subse- he said. quently, the position was rectified by the Wharf board at the belated

request of the commission. and has a lack of expertise. It also economy, and of the belief among has the thankless task of trying to even small investors - the very enforce a voluntary code on an extremely swashbuckling business community. Mr. Fell's arrival may change that. He has the advantage of coming in as an outsider with few worries about whose toes he

Too late for him, but of potential use to his successor, is the planned merger of Hong Kong's four stock exchanges. Under the terms of a government sale of land on the waterfront in the Central commercial district, the developer must provide space for a unified

stock exchange operation in 1984. The four existing exchanges have already met and elected as first chairman Woo Hon Fai, who heads the Kam Ngan exchange, the second-largest.

In theory, one exchange should be easier to control than four. It should also be possible for tighter appraisal of companies asking for a listing — certain recent over-priced issues have been heavily subscribed but have rapidly traded

at a discount on the flotation price. The exchanges have shown little enthusiasm for a merger, however. They are inching ahead under government pressure, but even so have failed to meet government wishes that two pairs of exchanges merge

as a halfway step. If exchange officials plan to resist a strengthening of the Securi-ties Commission's powers, they are likely to find a champion in Chair-man-elect Woo, who has long voiced his opposition to an overregulated market.

On the other hand, Financial Secretary John Bremridge said that Wharf between Sir Y.K. Pao and he would like to see greater stock Hongkong Land, the Securities exchange self-regulation. "Free-

Commission failed to act quickly dom must be exercised prudently." he said after the Wharf-World merger was proposed, "Some actions this year by stock exchanges. brokers and other securities dealers have arguably not contributed

Mild words, but they must be seen in the context of a traditional reluctance by the government to The commission is understaffed interfere in the free running of the most by sharp practices — that speculators are to be admired for their panache.

Against such a background, consideration of the fundamentals of the market seems rather mundane. Yet for all its flaws, Houg Kong has held up as well as other markets. The Hang Seng index, which doubled from 700 to 1,500 points in 1980, broke out of a consolidation phase to set a high just short of 1,800 points in July.

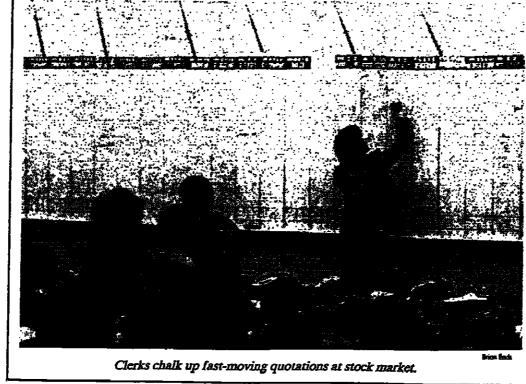
The market appeared strong, and price-earnings ratios com-pared well with Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Tokyo. in addition, the market was underpinned by institutional and foreign buyers. While the small punter is still in there, the amaks (home helps) and taxi drivers' clubs whose dollars and cents helped fuel the 1972 bull rush were largely absent.

Stock Drops

But just as the blue-skies brigade was forecasting the breaching of the 2,000 mark, falls in New York, London, Tokyo and — most dra-matically — Singapore and Kuala Lumpur helped to pull Hong Kong

The market is still highly sensitive to interest rate changes, and the raising of the local prime rate to a record 20 percent in response to soaring U.S. rates, and a serious weakening of the Hong Kong dol-lar, were more than the market

The Hang Seng index plunged 600 points, but the drop did at least give the market the chance to demonstrate that it is fundamentally stronger than eight years ago.



Tourism a Big Foreign-Currency Earner

TOURISM accounts for one-third of Hong Kong's foreign currency earnings from "export" services, and only transport accounts for a higher proportion of invisible earnings.

This goes some way toward explaining the widespread nervous-ness in the tourism industry about the colony's newly acquired repu-tation as "the rudest place in Asia."

Hong Kong's "fragrant harbor," as viewed from the island's Peak after a nail-biting crawl up the mountainside by cable car, re-mains one of the world's most dramatically beautiful panoramas. But the delights on offer in neighboring Asian countries are lacking in Hong Kong. The golden beaches are few and, in the summer mouths, as crowded as the rushhour subway; the sex-for-sale is surly, middle-aged and expensive; and the much touted traditional Chinese festivals are a touch too homogenized.

But which of Hong Kong's neighbors can offer the same teeming vibrancy, the same country to lights ranging from souffle to snake soup, a made-to-measure suit in 24 hours, the latest Europe-

Next year, 2,000 more hotel rooms will

become available.

designer fashions, cameras,

electronic equipment, jewelry, an-tiques — indeed, an endless list of tax-free items in a shoppers' para-

Hong Kong is also a natural staging post between Europe, Australasia, Japan, North America and within Southeast Asia itself; and it is the natural jumping-off point for visits to a newly open

Last year, 2.3 million people visited Hong Kong, an increase of 4

percent from the previous year. But the rate of spending was down 1.6 percent, and the biggest spenders, the Japanese, came in fewer numbers and spent less than in previous years.

For the first time, Hong Kong fell behind Singapore — 2.4 mil-lion visitors — in the simple head

The difficulties reflect not only the impact of the world recession, but also Hong Kong's peculiar problems. Not least among them is commodation. The territory has only 15,000 hotel rooms, and the occupancy rate hovers around 90 percent. Those rash enough to arrive without a reservation can expect little sympathy, and there are too frequent cases of overbooking. Inflation and the increasing

market forces, and hope to reverse the trend of slackening growth in tourist arrivals and expenditures.

Next year, 2,000 more hotel rooms will become available, and by 1983 the total should approach 20,000.

'Courtesy Campaign'

The tourism association has in-

The next major areas of growth the industry hopes, will be in the conference field. The construction of a major, custom-built exhibition

rents demanded of retail outlets have done much to erode Hong Kong's reputation for bargains. Visitors can still delight in haggling with stall owners down bus-tling narrow alleyways, but can ex-pect to pay New York prices for luxury items in the lavish shopping areas that have sprung up in recent

years.
Of course, Hong Kong's en-trepreneurs are ever mindful of

stituted a "courtesy campaign," with prizes for those employees who collect the most color-coded "courtesy vouchers" from tourists. The Hong Kong Arts Festival and the annual Festival of Asian

Arts are being pushed as lively attractions, and efforts are under way to revive local cultural events. The government is under pressure to further develop Lantao, the largest offshore island, providing tour facilities in its relatively un-

A major new monastery has been built at Miu Fat in the New Territories, and older temples are

and conference center is under se-

HONG KONG

Grass-Roots Democracy Is Object of Experiment

NEXT MARCH, Hong Kong

will begin an experiment with what the government calls grass-roots democracy. In order to give the average citizen more say in some matters that affect his daily life, elections to local bodies known as District Boards will take place in the New Territories. Later, the scheme will be extended to the urban areas of Kowloon and Hong Kong Island.

The government says that the electoral exercise is evidence of its responsiveness to a better-informed and more outspoken generation, but social pressure groups have dismissed it as cosmetic and more likely, if anything, to increase the man in the street's sense of alienation than to ease it.

Certainly, if the interest dis-played so far is any measure of public feeling, the pressure groups would seem to be closer to the mark than the authorities. A major publicity campaign was launched, with television stars and soccer players urging public participa-tion, but of the 1.3 million registration forms distributed, less than 300,000 have been returned.

That the government should welcome this response as "most encouraging" may seem surprising to anyone unacquainted with the administration system in Hong Kong and with the relationship between those who govern and those who are governed.

Power Delegated

Power is delegated from London to the governor who, with his Ex-ecutive Council, makes major poli-cy decisions on local administration. The membership of the council is made up of "officials," usually senior civil servants, and "unofficials," handpicked members of the public who normally

represent business interests.

Below the Executive Council is the Legislative Council, which again, is composed of officials and unofficials and is also chaired by the governor. Its proceedings are totally stage-managed, and a vote against a resolution guarantees headlines the next day. Questions from the unofficials are submitted in advance and the questioner re-ceives his reply in advance. These are also released to the press.

Supplementary questions can be asked but these, too, must be submitted in advance and sometimes the reply is a simple "yes" or "no."

The unofficials do, however,

constitute a channel of possible complaint from the public through their own body, known as the Unofficial Members of the Execu-(Umelco), which can have a persuasive effect on officialdom

Below the Legislative Council a long way below — is the Urban Council, which does have some elected members. But because its powers are so limited - virtually no more than street-sweeping and the upkeep of public parks - and rious consideration.

—PETER CORDINGLEY

because most people do not meet
the necessary qualifications to vote. for it, its elections have always been met with a considerable dis-

play of apathy.

The new District Boards will have an equal number of appointed and elected members, but the chairman will be appointed. The boards' powers will be a little broader than those of the Urban Council mainly to do with minor environmental improvements and recreational and cultural activities where funds are available.

When the scheme was unveiled in a Green Paper, the public response was poor. The government rationalized this by saying, in the words of the then-director of home affairs, John Malden, that the people were "too busy earning a living to care about the government they

There may have been some inith in that, although such a state of affairs is hardly a credit to the government, but later public reaction seemed to suggest that it was not the whole picture.

Plan Criticized

L.K. Ding of the Christian Industrial Committee pressure group said that the boards' powers were too limited to attract general public involvement. He said that the public wanted the powers extended to the areas where the government has been the most criticized. such as bosing social welfare and education. "These issues are directly related to people's lives." he said. "I am not accusing the government of a whitewash, but it seems to me it just doesn't intend to change at all."

Prof. Peter Harris of the political science department of the University of Hong Kong also found the scheme lackluster. He said that the proposed balance between elected and appointed members "simply reproduces the present

An urban councilor, Denny Huang, called for a greater number of elected members and an elected chairman. "Letting elected councilors, instead of appointed ones, chair a district committee is a sign of sincerity on the government's part that it is inviting citizens to take care of their own affairs," he

Labor unions also called for wider public participation, and an outspoken urban councilor. Elsie Elliott, described the scheme as foolish, merely shifting bureaucracy to the districts. She warned that people would not continue to be dictated to and that the plan could lead to confrontation.

Both the retiring governor and the retiring chief secretary have given to the advice received from the District Boards. But some people doubt that this is, as heralded a major step toward public partici-

Mr. Huang said: "Even though residents have been invited to speak up. I think talking is differ-ent from actually running their affairs. The latter is true democra-

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Time for Diversions, Old and New

By Harry Rolnick

WO YEARS AGO, when the Hong Kong government pro-posed longer vacations for workers, the bosses were outraged — not so much because it would harm production, they said, but because the extra leisure time would be bad for them.

"Workers," the Chinese Manu-facturers' Association said, "do not need holidays. When they aren't working they waste their time playing mah-jongg. They have no idea what to do with their leisure time, so they'd do better to stay at work."

Putting aside the obvious mercenary motives behind the sugges-tion, it is nevertheless true that one of the dominant sounds in Hong Kong's great housing estates is the cacophonous din of ivory tiles being shuffled and banged on countless tables.

But while mah-jongg may be the noisiest way to relax, official figures show that most people in fact spend the evening in the same way as people from Rio de Janeiro to Reykjavik: in front of a television

TV Programs

No less than 95 percent of homes have at least one set, and the four channels (two in Chinese and two in English) broadcast an average of 75 hours a week of locally produced shows, soap operas, U.S. (and a few British) potboilers and — possibly because they are forced to under the terms of their license — news and cur-

rent affairs programs.
But if mah-jongg and the small screen dominate the weekdays, the weekends herald the great exodus, by land and by sea. Families pile into automobiles and head off for the stunning country parks close to the Chinese border, while tripledecker ferries take battalions of city dwellers with their cassette radios to outlying islands for a day of picnicking or beach-going.

Swimming is another matter. however. The water is so polluted that there is a serious risk of infection at some beaches — so much so that at one time the government considered introducing a flag sys-tem to indicate whether it was safe to enter the water. The other prob-

when the adventurous bather returns to his spot on the sand, he may find that his belongings have n piled together and somebody

else has occupied his patch.
Soccer is the big spectator sport, attracting crowds of more than 20,000 for major games, but standards have been falling off in recent years and there has been some public disaffection.

But the name of Hong Kong's real game is gambling — on horse racing, the lottery and the stock

TV and mah-jongg are the big pastimes...But the name of Hong Kong's real game is gambling — on horse racing. the lottery and the stock market.

market. Playing the stock market is now such a popular activity that at least one finance house has set up what is virtually a betting shop for the stocks and shares punters. They sit in rows of chairs in front of a bank of closed-circuit television screens that give the latest "odds" on listed companies and from time to time they make their choice and go to a window to make their "bets."

Nothing however, compares with the fever for horse racing. Even before the Light Brigade made its suicidal charge into the Valley of Death in the Crimean War, horses were racing in Hong Kong. And the course, at Happy Valley, is still operational, along with a magnificent new one at Sha Tin that has been described as the best in Asia.

With 30,000 punters at each meeting (there are seven meetings a month during the nine-month season) and with an estimated 500,000 others betting at off-track centers, something like one Hong Kong resident in six is biting his

nails on racing day.

Then there is that ageless Chinese pleasure: eating Confucius said (evidently among a lot of said (evidently among a not or other things) that good food is the first happiness." On week-ends, Hong Kong goes happy en masse. Sunday is the big day, when the 4,000 or so restaurants in town feed something like 2.5 million people. Families, clans and friends step off the treadmill for one day to enjoy some of the finest food in the world, a bit of gossip and the pleasure of just getting together.

Hollywood of Asia

When the television is not blar-When the television is not blar-ing and the mah-jongg tiles and chopsticks are laid saide, there are movies. Hong Kong, along with Taiwan, is not only the Hollywood of Asia (about 140 films a year are produced at the Shaw Brothers and Golden Harvest studios) but its own cinema attendance is phe-momenal

There are about 80 cinemas in town and last year they sold 65 million tickets. On average, that is one trip to the movies a month for every person in the territory. Despite the Western cultural overlay, it is the Chinese-language films that are the big attraction. This year, only two Western movies, "For Your Eyes Only" and "Superman II," made the top 20.

Not everybody who goes to the cinema is a movie buff. Conditions in many homes are often so crowded, with sometimes three genera-tions under the same roof, that the movie house offers relative priva-

so do the public parks. In the morning, they are the domain of thousands of people practicing tai chi, a graceful slow-motion form of martial art, but in the evenings the young couples move in. They lie among the shrubs, oblivious to the "keep off the grass" signs and the passers-by, while the more conven-tional ones sit and hold hands on the benches and the latecomers make do with stand-up embraces

against a tree. All the trees in the largest of Hong Kong's urban parks, Victo-nia Park, lean in one direction. Romantics say that it is not the typhoons that have done that, but generations of young lovers.

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BUSINESS NEWS BRIEFS Vietnam in Arrears on More Than \$300 Million in Japanese Loans

Krupp Stahl Expects to Break Even in '82

BOCHUM, West Germany - Krupp's subsidiary Krupp Stahl said Thursday it expects to break even in 1982, after an improvement in results since October.

An interim report on the first nine months of 1981 gave no profit figures. The company recorded no profit in 1980.

Results came under severe pressure in the first three 1981 quarters because of difficult production conditions for iron and steel. Orders in the first nine months were about 5 percent lower than for the corresponding 1980 period.

AEG-Telefunken Sees No Profit Again for '81

FRANKFURT — AEG-Telefunken's domestic group will show no profit in 1981 with losses being offset by 400 million Deutsche marks of extraordinary profit and 240 million DM of aid from banks, Heinz Dürr, management board chairman, said Thursday,

The extraordinary profit and bank aid will offset losses expected to be 650 million DM, compared with 278 million DM in 1980. Last year AEG also reported no profit and was forced to draw down reserves. Mr. Diirr said the expected domestic group loss of 650 million DM comprises losses on current business of 300 million DM, compared with 237 million DM in 1980, and restructuring costs of 350 million DM.

Bethlehem Steel Sells Tax Credits

By Shigehiko Togo

TOKYO - In a bid to bolster

the sagging performance of Ja-

pan's domestic economy, Japanese monetary authorities Thursday de-cided to reduce the Bank of Ja-

pan's official discount rate by 0.75

percentage point to 5.5 percent, ef-

The reduction in the central

bank's interest rates, to which

commercial rates are closely

pegged, was the first since last March's full percentage point cut. It follows the U.S. Federal Reserve

Board's decision last week to lower

its official rate by one percentage

The Bank of Japan's move was

prompted, in part, by strong de-

mands from the country's business

community that Tokyo undertake

measures to prop up sluggish busi-ness activity inside Japan. Despite the swift growth of Ja-

pun's export sales this year, the do-

mestic economy has been plagued

with a raft of corporate ban-

kruptcies and only slowly growing spending on consumer goods and

By Craig Anderson

International Herold Tribune

mission is seeking new powers that

would enable it to place curbs on

large-scale company mergers with-

governments Thursday that would

allow the commission to investi-

gate and, if necessary, block cross-

frontier mergers that involved companies with a joint turnover of

Plans to extend commission an-

VW Earnings Plunged 94%

titrust powers in this area were first proposed as far back as 1973, but the move was blocked by EEC

marks in first nine months 1981 from 252 million DM in the 1980

hade sales in 1981 will drop five percent from last year's 2.44 mil-

hon units in large part due to a 40-percent sales decline for its Brazili-

The company, which gave no turnover figure for the first three quarters of 1981, said good condi-

an subsidiary.

Regulations were sent to EEC

BRUSSELS - The EEC Com-

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point to 12 percent.

The Associated Press BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Bethlehem Steel says it plans to sell tax credits to R.R. Donnelley & Sons for about \$45 million.

The second-largest steelmaker in the United States said in a brief statement Wednesday that the arrangement with the Chicago-based printing and publishing company comes under the provisions of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981.

A Bethlehem spokesman, citing company policy in asking for anonymity, said the credits involve steel equipment. But he declined to elaborate on the leasing arrangement. He also would not say how much the equip-

Chrysler Approached on Sale of Defense Unit

United Press International DETROIT - Chrysler says several companies have approached it about purchasing Chrysler Defense, producers of the U.S. Army's M-1

A Chrysler spokesman said Wednesday that information about the defense arm has been provided to the firms. Chrysler emphasized that no decision has been made about selling Chrysler Defense and no negotia-

By Urban C. Lehner and Masayoshi Kanabayashi AP-Dow Jones

TOKYO — Vietnam, apparently strapped for for-eign currency, has failed to make its latest payments of interest and principal on more than \$300 million in loans from Japan, government and banking sources

Although there have been reports of Vietnam's failure to pay other foreign creditors, the Japanese case appears to be the most extensive to come to light. The creditors, among which are the Japanese government as well as Japanese banks and trading companies, are anticipating a Vietnamese request to reschedule the loans, but thus far they have received little indication of Vietnam's intentions.

The loans owed the banks and trading companies, said to total about \$200 million, are what is left of \$500 million in credits to finance purchases of Japa-

nese products in 1977 and 1978. Sources said the Viet-namese made regular payments on the loan until this September, when they missed a principal-and-interest

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Twenty Japanese banks, led by the Bank of Tokyo, and a number of trading companies are involved. The loans are said to include about \$160 million from the banks and \$40 million from the trading companies. A Finance Ministry official said the Japanese banks are the largest creditors of Vietnam in the free world."

Hanoi also borrowed the current equivalent of \$46.1 million from the Japanese government at an interest rate of 24 percent in 1978. And Hanoi owes the equivalent of \$71.4 million to the Japanese goverument arising from Hanoi's agreement to inherit debts of the Saigon government that fell in 1975.

According to a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Hanoi made the required payments on the Saigon debt in 1978 and 1979 but failed to pay its principal

and interest obligations equivalent to \$5.2 million in April, 1980, and \$4.6 million this past April. On the 1978 Japanese government loan, Hanoi made its semiannual interest payments [principal re-payment is not due for 10 years] through last February but failed in July to pay the required \$627,000 in

The Foreign Ministry has "reminded Vietnam of its debt from time to time," the spokesman said, but "so far we haven't received any satisfactory explanation."

The Japanese have resisted declaring Vietnam in default on the loans. They do not think it would do any good. "Even if a default declaration is made, it doesn't mean the money will be restored," a Finance Ministry official said. Creditors often find it advantageous to avoid premature declarations of default, which tend to force them into litigation and limit their freedom to maneuver

Japanese bankers and officials are unusually close-

that no one Japanese creditor knows more than another, only that they are not getting paid.

In the vacuum, rumors are swirling. There are suggestions that the problem goes beyond Japan to include banks in other countries and even such international agencies as the International Monetary Fund and the Asian Development Bank.

An official at a Japanese trading company who visited Vietnam last summer said the Hanoi government. was trying to promote exports and get more foreign currency earnings but was being frustrated by corruption and misuse of funds. The government was giving exporters foreign currency, but they were using it to buy such consumer goods as flour instead of the in-tended equipment to facilitate exports, he said.

As of September, 1980, Vietnam owed \$3 billion in foreign-currency debt, of which \$1.38 billion was to non-Communist countries. Vietnam also has bor-

U.S. Aides Give Japan **Stern Trade Warning**

By Tracy Dahlby Washington Post Service

TOKYO — Reagan administra-tion officials ended two days of trade talks here Thursday by issuing an ultimatum that Japan must move quickly to open its markets to more U.S. goods or face a pro-tectionist backlash in Congress.

Economic tensions between the two countries have escalated with the huge and sharply expanding U.S. trade deficit with Japan. According to senior U.S. officials, the figure is expected to reach \$18 bil-lion to \$19 billion for 1981.

Deputy U.S. Trade Representa-tive David MacDonald, who led the U.S. negotiating team, told re-porters Thursday, "Japan must

According to press reports, the Japanese officials also criticized the recent decision by American Telephone & Telegraph to give a \$75-million contract for a fiber-optics communication system to its Western Electric subsidiary over a lower bid by Japan's Fujitsu. The Reagan administration's

make a decision which we cannot make for it — whether to open its

own market or to sacrifice some of

He warned that economic rela-

Japanese officials reportedly

tions between the two countries

had reached "a critical decision

also raised a number of their own

complaints on U.S. practices,

which they claimed have impeded

trade between the two countries, including a ban on Alaskan crude

oil shipments to Japan and restric-

tions on U.S. log exports.

its access to the U.S. market."

bid to pry open what U.S. officials generally regard as Japan's clam-like market marked the latest in numerous similar attempts by U.S. trade delegations, which have flocked here in recent years. But despite indications that the

Japanese government is beginning to take Washington at its word, trade analysts and officials in Tokyo remained doubtful about any immediate or significant turnaround in Japan's trade advantage.

In wide-ranging talks with Japa-nese counterparts, U.S. trade offi-cials raised a number of specific issues including what they view as overly-stringent customs, product standard and testing requirements that foreign businessmen frequent-ly claim bar them from successfully competing in Japan.

They also pressed demands for the early removal of Japanese quo-tas on imports of U.S. cigarettes, beef and citrus fruit

Asked what measures the U.S. Congress might take if Japan failed to respond, Mr. MacDonald pointed to the proposed revision of the U.S. telecommunications act which would bar products from countries not opening their mar-kets to similar U.S. goods and he suggested that similar steps calling for reciprocity in trade might potentially encompass other prod-

But opinion within Japanese business and political circles re-mains sharply divided on how best to help head off a possible trade confrontation with the United States. As well, there is a widespread attitude among Japanese businessmen that the United States is attempting to blame Japan for its inability to cope with its own economic difficulties at home.

EEC Seeks Talks

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - EEC officials said Thursday they hope to arrange trilateral trade talks with the United States and Japan in Washington for mid-January. Officially, the theme of the talks would be general discussions of world trade relations, and not spe-cific issues such as cars, textiles.

steel or agriculture. But the task of getting the trilateral meeting arranged has repeat-edly foundered on Japanese fears that it could see a ganging up against Japan.

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Cornell University Law School. Mobil said Wednesday it filed

By Howard Luxenberg

NEW YORK - Mobil, fighting to remain in the bidding for Marathon Oil rich U.S. oil reserves, could face new antitrust hurdles in its plan to buy a stake in U.S. Steel Corp., analysts and legal sources said Thursday.

They also viewed Mobil's move as an admission that it has lost out to U.S. Steel in the takeover battle for Marathon and is making a "last gasp" course in pursuit of Marathon's interest in the huge Yates oilfield in West Texas. "By the time Mobil is allowed to

begin purchase of U.S. Steel stock,

could emerge," said George Hay, professor of law and economics at with the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department

for permission to buy up to 25 percent of U.S. Steel. It currently owns 450,000 shares, or about 0.5 percent, of U.S. Steel. Federal law requires that any contemplated purchase by Mobil be subject to a 30-day waiting period, and an additional 20 days

would be necessary if either the FTC or the Justice Department seek additional information. begin purchase of U.S. Steel stock, Government spokesmen said certain new antitrust questions Thursday the FTC likely will in-

Marathon. "The issue the court and government agencies would have to deal with then is whether the acquisi-tion of U.S. Steel stock is simply for investment purposes or whether it would give Mobil some possibility of control over U.S. Steel, and, therefore, indirectly a strong interest in Marathon." Mr.

vestigate the Mobil plan to buy

They said that because U.S.

Steel's stock is so widely dispersed,

the purchase by Mobils of possibly

25 percent could be considered a

controlling interest and might have antitrust implications.

Mr. Hay said when Mobil goes to buy U.S. Steel stock, the steel-

maker already may own

The FTC, which earlier this week served notice that it had no objections to a U.S. Steel-Marathon merger, has said it would sue Mobil on antitrust grounds if it proceeded with a takeover of Marathon.

Mr. Hay said he believes Mobil calculated that the amount of ownership in U.S. Steel will be short of the level that would be regarded as control. "But it seems to me that if Mobil gets close to 25 percent, the company will have a hard time arguing that it is for investment purposes only," he said.
In any case, Mr. Hay said Mo-

bil's tactic "looks like a last gasp attempt" to persuade U.S. Steel to work out a deal on Yates, the second largest U.S. oilfield behind

Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.
Sanford Margoshes, an oil analyst with the Bache Group, called the move "a reaffirmation of Mobil's determination to obtain the massive reserves in the Yates field. Mobil wants Yates in order to buttresss its own declining domestic hydrocarbon reserves.



David MacDonald

Stock Prices Post Small Gain in New York funds have traded above 12 pertight economy, announced it will

Corp. said, however, that there is

no great selling pressure and the market appears to be resisting a

downward slide, having closed higher for the past two days de-

On the NYSE floor, U.S. Steel

was the volume leader, gaining 2½ to 32¼ following Mobil's announcement Wednesday that it

spite negative economic news.

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed slightly higher Thursday after a day of featureless trading, with most of the action concentrated on the Marathon Oil takeover battle.

The Dow Jones industrial average performed better that the market as a whole, rising 3.81 to close at 892.03. The gain was mainly attributable to the strength of U.S. Steel, a key component of the average. Advances edged out declines by about 750 to 740, and volume rose to 47.02 million shares from the 44.81 million traded Wednes-

ter action to continuing concerns about the economy, particulary the size of the federal budget deficit. Analysts noted that the market also followed the lead of a weak bond market, where dealers are unhappy that the federal funds rate, on overnight loans between

banks, has remained firm. Fed

Analysts attributed the lackins-

ing bid.

plans to buy up to 25 percent of U.S. Steel. Marathon agreed to U.S. Steel's offer to purchase 51 percent of its stock and analysts expect that of-fer to prevail over Mobil's compet-Marathon continued to slide. falling 5 to 87½ on top of a 9%

drop Wednesday. Mobil lost 1/2 to 25% in active trading and Sedco, which holds 7.5 percent of Marathon, rose 4 to 374.

In corporate news, Digital Equipment, feeling the pinch of a

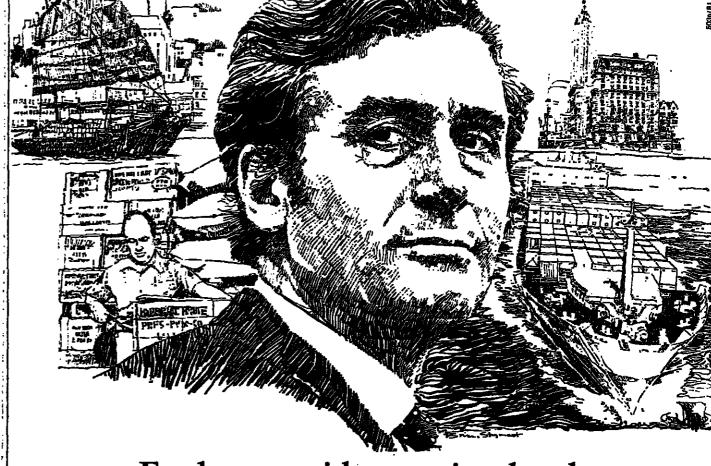
cent for the past two days.

Monte Gordon of Dreyfus to close for four days after Christmas. Digital employs 65,000 per-Kaiser Steel said Thursday a proposed employee stock ownership plan to acquire a controlling interest in the company is undesir-

able and unworkable. Knight-Ridder Newspapers Thursday signed an agreement in principle to form a joint venture with Tele-Communications Inc. to acquire, develop and operate cable

TV systems. The joint venture will be called TKR Cable. General Foods said Thursday that it estimates the proposed sale of its Burger Chef unit to Hardee's will have an adverse impact on its fiscal 1982 earnings of about 25 cents a share. The company posted earnings of \$255.4 million, or

\$5.14 a share for fiscal 1981. General Host directors Thursday declared a two-for-one stock



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Senate Delays Action On Aid to U.S. Thrifts Washington Past Service WASHINGTON - Action on

wasting ton — Action on emergency legislation to help safeguard the thrift industry — savings banks and savings and loan associations — has been delayed until
February at the earliest, according to Republican Sen. Jake Garn of At a press conference Wednesday, the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee anaconced be would defer action on the so-called regulators' bill, emergency legisla-tion to assist troubled savings institutions. He added that the bill

would apply to "a very few trou-bled financial institutions whose

condition appears to be manageable under existing laws and eco-

nomic conditions.

In First 9 Months of Year

tions exist for higher group sales in 1982. WOLFSBURG — Group profit of Volkswagenwerk tumbled 94 percent to 15 million Deutsche In the second quarter, the company reported its first loss since 1975, 28 million DM due to losses by the Brazilian subsidiary and period. West Germany's biggest automaker reported Thursday. While group turnover for the full year is expected to rise to 39 billion DM from 33.3 billion DM in 1980, VW said its worldwide ve-Triumph Adler, a typewriter and computer subsidiary. Group profits in 1980 fell 52 percent from 1979.

In October, Friedrich Thomée, who had been largely responsible for the 1979 acquistion of Triumph Adler from Litton Industries, re-signed as the company's finance director after criticism of the sub-

A month later, Carl Hahn was chosen as VW's new chairman, succeeding Toni Schmöcker. who resigned after suffering a heart at-

Purent company sales of VW and Audi models in 1981 will be up about four percent from last year at 2.03 million units, the comyear at 2.03 million units, the com-pany forecast. While deliveries in West Germany are expected to dip to 765,000 models from 787,000 last year, sales in other West European countries, particularly Italy. France and Britain, will be higher. Parent company turnover for 1981 is expected to increase slight-ly to 26 billion DM from 25.2 bil-

Group 1981 investment will to-tal around five billion DM, up from 4.28 billion, it said. VW said U.S. deliveries will fall

three percent from last year's 336,000 units — reflecting the overall slump the U.S. industry. However, sales by VW's Mexican subsidiary will jump about 15 percent to more than 120,000 units.

announcing the central stressed that, considering the rela-tively modest size of the reduction, "the trend in foreign-exchange

theory at least, help fuel Japanese goods, thereby pulling in more export sales in the United States products from overseas. by lowering their dollar-based The value of the yen has become steadily stronger in recent weeks as be tested, Finance Minister Michio falling interest rates in the United Watanabe said in a statement is-

some foreign-exchange sources. bank's decision, however, Bank of Japan governor Haruo Maekawa

Private trade analysts here are markets does not (indicate) yen deconcerned, however, that the cut might help pave the way for a weakening in the value of the yen that could increase friction in already sensitive trade ties with the

United States. up a record surplus in U.S. trade which American officials now expect to hit between \$18 billion and \$19 billion this year. A weaker yen increasing imports by expanding in relation to the dollar would, in domestic demand for consumer

Bank of Japan Cuts Discount Rate

interest-rate gap between the two countries and lure more capital back to Japan. The Bank of Japan's move Thursday might help reverse that trend, according to

member states. Many EEC countries were suspicious of what they saw as an encroachment on nation-

al rights to control mergers and

But Frans Andriessen, the

EEC's competition commissioner

and a former Dutch finance minis-

ter, has been keen to bring the

matter up again.
The commission has come up

with new proposals aimed at dilut-

ing opposition among member states, it was announced. By offer-

ing closer negotiations between the commission and national govern-

ments over decisions on whether

particular mergers should be per-mitted to take place, Brussels is

preciation. Overseas interest rates have sagged and the timing is Government analysts said that the central bank had decided

against earlier plans to shave the Japan is well on its way to piling official rate by a full percentage point out of concern for negative effect on the yen. In their view, the move will have a positive effect on products from overseas.

Entirely Proper While that assertion remains to States have helped close the wide sued Thursday, "The recovery of the (domestic Japanese) economy is on the move, but the tempo has been slow. To expand the economy, the decision (to lower the offi-

cial rate) was entirely proper." The short-term prime lending rate charged by Japanese commercial banks, which is closely linked with the official discount rate, is expected to fall by 0.75 percentage point to 6.0 percent, effective in

EEC Commission Seeks Antitrust Powers

hoping to be able to steer the new legislation through the EEC's Council of Ministers. Under the proposed regulations, companies would have to give the commission prior notification of any proposed mergers, and EEC competition authorities would have the power to block any lin-

kups they considered harmful to competition across the community. The announcement of the new proposals has given further evi-dence that the antitrust policies of the EEC and the United States are moving in opposite directions. Several weeks ago, William Baxter, who heads the antitrust division of the U.S. Justice Department, told Senate committee that U.S. officials were relaxing their scrutiny of certain types of mergers.

\$1.1 Billion Facility

BRUSSELS (Reuers) - The EEC Commission has asked member governments for approval to raise the full \$1.1 billion available under the second phase of the New Community Instrument, or Ortoli facility, commission sources said

Thursday.

The commission wants to borrow the cash on capital markets for investment in energy and in-frastructure and in small and medium-sized companies in the com-

munity. EEC governments agreed in principle to the new loan facility last October, but a dispute with the European Parliament has pre-vented the commission from signing loans, the sources said.

CURRENCY RATES

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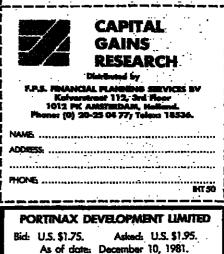
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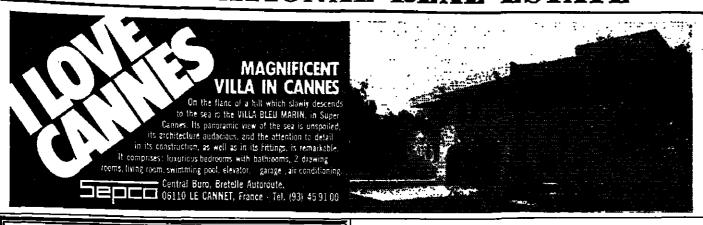
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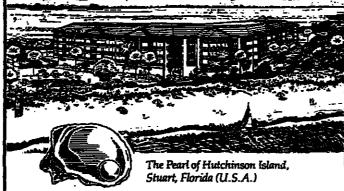
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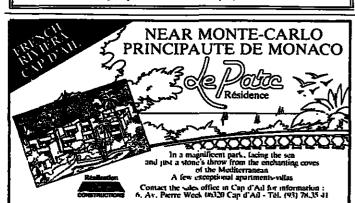
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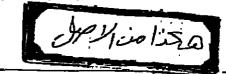
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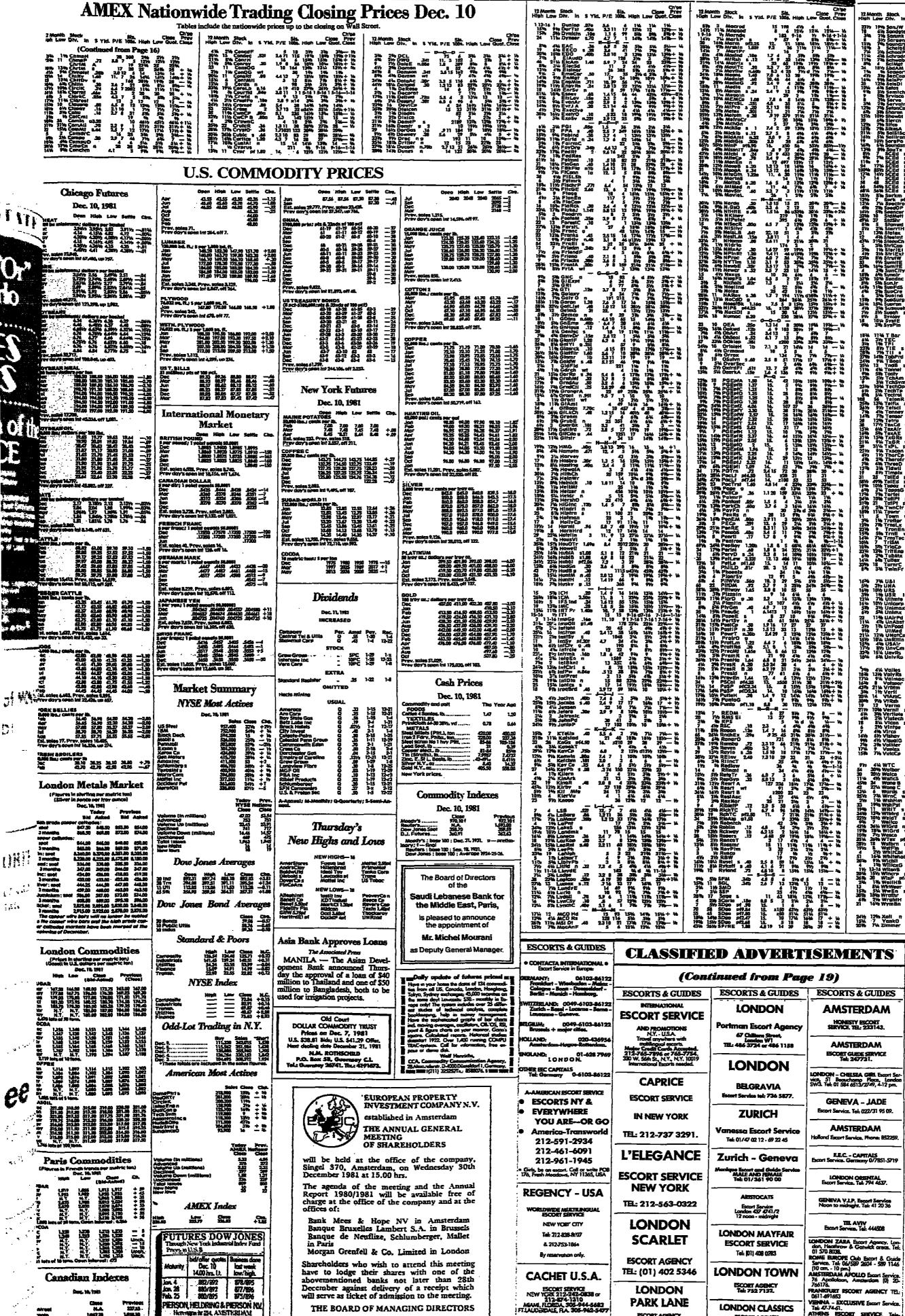
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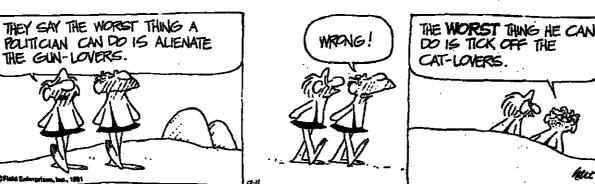
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THE LITERARY LIFE AND OTHER CURIOSITIES.

By Robert Hendrickson, Illustrated, 406 pp. \$25. Viking, 625 Madison Avenue, New York 10022.

Reviewed by John Leonard

THERE is much that is familiar in Robert Hendrickson's compendi-um of oddball facts about people who write, publish and criticize books and why not? It deserves to be familiar, especially to those of us who are addicted to similiar compendia from Oxford and Knopf and those of us who read literary biographies instead of Gothic novels on supply-side eco-nomics. That which isn't familiar in "The Literary Life" is equally entertaining and equally useless. We are talking here about the box scores of major league writers, whether or not we've ever actually gone to the game

of Proust or Joyce, whose "Dublin-ers" was rejected by 22 publishers. Hendrickson has a perfect wayward mind, although sometimes he can't count. (There are 27 letters, not 26, in the pangram "Frowzy things plumb vexed Jack Q.") He will receive a wayward review. (How come, in a chapter on "noses" that begins with Cyrano. there is no mention of Gogol?) I knew that Shakespeare and Cervantes both died on the same day, April 23, 1616. Did you know that James Ages and Robert Lowell both died in taxicabs?
If it was all right for Seneca to write speeches for Nero, then it was certainly all right for Mark Twain to write eeches for Ulysses S. Grant, or was

The poet Snorri Sturluson was the The poet Snorri Sturluson was the richest man in Iceland, although that was a long time ago, 1179-1241. Sainte-Beuve, on being challenged to a duel, was given his choice of weapons and replied: "I choose spelling. You're dead." Ibsen had a picture of Strindberg over his deak: "He is my mortal enemy and shall hang there and watch what I write." Dickens, Twain Maxim Gorky, Alberto Mora-Twain, Maxim Gorky, Alberto Mora-via and Sean O'Casey never finished grade school. (Hendrickson omits the fact that Dickens sent his sons to E'on!) Dante, Marlowe, Milton, Mar-vell, Defoe, Byron, Kipling, Maug-ham and Graham Greene were spies. (Where is Anthony Blunt?) Dumas fils, Boccaccio, Erasmus, Alexander Hamilton, Strindberg, Apollinaire, Jack London and T.E. Lawrence were "illegitimate." Pope, Keith, Balzac, Voltaire and the Marquis de Sade

Mickey Mouse was banned in Nazi Germany in 1933, in the Soviet Union in 1936, in Yugoslavia in 1937, in Italy in 1938 and in East Germany in 1954. Pascal invented his own geometry at age 11. Sophocles, who lived to be 90, was summoned into court to prove he wasn't senile; he read to the jury his latest play, "Oedipus at Co-lonus." The New Yorker receives 3,000 poems each week and prints 150 a year. Edgar Allan Poe long-jumped 21 feet at West Point, and Rudyard Kipling invented winter golf. Christi-na Rossetti had a pet wonabat. Woody Allen's real name is Allen Stewart Ko-

nigsberg.
The list of writers who ran for public office and lost should have included Gore Vidal and William F. Buckley Ir. The chapter on what writers have included at least two execuations by Nietzsche, although Twain is very good: "The critic's symbol should be the tumble-bug: he deposits his egg in somebody else's dung, otherwise he could not hatch it." The chapter on alcoholic writers is far too short, although it is heartening to learn that Fitzgerald wrote "The Great Gatsby" while on the wagon. The chapter devoted to romans à clef is shockingly skimpy, but it is nice to know there really was a Moby Dick, whose real first name was Mocha.

Ibsen's last words, on being told by a nurse that he was improving: "On the contrary!" Hegel's last words: Only one man ever understood

Solution to Previous Puzzle

. . and he didn't understand me." O'Henry's last words: "Turn up the lights; I don't want to go home in the dark."

According to Hendrickson, when Richard Porson was told that Robert Southey's epic poems would be read after Shakespeare was longorien, Porson said: "Yes — but not till then." I've heard three other versions of this anecdote, and all of them mentioned Homer and Vergil instead of Shake-speare. Does this matter? Of course

Any chapter on sex and writing ought to have included Bendelaire, who said that each poem meant one ess erection. Chancer was 61 when he finished "The Canterbury Tales":
Goethe was 83 when he finished
"Fanst." Lope de Vega wrote 2,200
plays, 1,700 of which were lost or
stolen. That's the good news. The bad
news is that Freud was paid \$209 for
"The Interpretation of Dreams" and
that Plato, on deciding to follow Socrates, burned all his own poems.

Thomas Carlyle, Michelangelo,
Cole Porter and Jack the Ripper were
all left-handed. Thackersy died of
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overcaming. Danes bostow four times as many books from libraries, per 1,000 population, as Americans do. Cervanter's IQ is said to have been 105, by someone whose own IQ must have been half that By "ecdysiast," H.L. Mencken meant "stripteaser."

There are chapters on writers who died too young and writers who lived too long; on writers who were blind.

too long; on writers who were blind and writers who were insane and writers who drank too much coffee; on clerihews, colophons, puffs, blurbs and hoaxes; on Samuel Goldwyn and Mrs. Malaprop: "She's as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile." I am saving the best stuff to darde the province or mother of the province dazzle the unwary on another occa-sion. Hendrickson had better get used to being stolen from.

John Leonard is on the staff of The New York Times

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Rissen said.

Bissen said. "Western" ends with the hero rid-

ing into the sunset. "Romance" includes such lines as: "Wordlessly, he swept her into his arms, and their spiral of ecstasy began."

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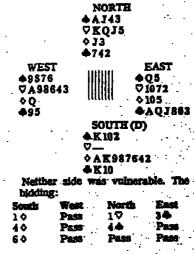
which would contain black and white pictures of a coffee table. "It would be the only gift which would be better to give than to receive," Bissen said.

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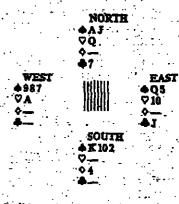
Two aces in the dummy would have made the slam a virtual lay-down, but as it was there was work to be done. With a normal trump split, the major suits would have to provide the 12th



East took the club ace and returned the suit in the hope that his partner could ruff. South won with the king and played the diamond ace. When the singleton queen fell, she was able to enter dummy by leading to the

_By Alon Truscott

Now South took her bluff finesse by leading the heart king. When East played low promptly, South ruffed, feeling sure that the acc was on her left. Then she ran trumps to reach this



It did not matter whether the space "jack was unblocked. It was clear that neither defender could guard spades. When the last trump was led, West had to part with a spade to keep the scheart ace. The heart queen was thrown from the dimmy and East threw the heart ten.

South led to the spade acc and

played the jack to the king knowing that the queen would fall from some one to provide the 12th trick.

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Epple Reinforces Ski Cup Lead With 2d Victory

PILA, Italy — Irene Epple cap-ared her second consecutive giant alom ski race Thursday, winning ere by 27 hundredths of a second x days after taking the season's taugural race in Val d'Isère, naugaral race in Val d'Isère, rance. Since she is also an exceinnt downhiller, Epple has estabshed herself as the early (avocite or the women's overall World up skiing title.

While Epple boosted her point ptal to 50, she refused to seriously

ontemplate her chances of win-

ing the championship.
"We'll have to wait for the next aces, especially the sialoms at Pincavallo this weekend, to see if I cally have a chance of winning the Vorld Cup," she said. "I don't vant to think about it, the season as only just started."

Watching Wenzel

Epple may be looking over her houlder at the woman who finshed second Thursday, Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein

Wenzel won the overall cham-pionship in 1978 and 1980 and took both slatom titles at the 1980

Olympics. She missed the first half of last season because of an injury and still finished third.

Wenzel is fourth in the World Cup standings with 27 points, behind Erika Hess with 31 and Tamara McKinney, who has 30 after her second third-place finish.

Unincky Number

Epple, 24, succeeded for the first time in winning two consecutive giant slalom races. "No one will ever again be able to reproach me for lack of consistency," she said, laughing. "This victory was very important to me since the course conditions were very difficult."

Epple was second in the 1978 downhill standings and second in the Olympic giant slalom at Lake Placid. She said she was now aiming for her first downhill victory, which she has missed narrowly on

Hess finished fifth after being unlucky enough to set off in 14th position in the first leg on a course that was already fairly well spo-

"It was very difficult to control the skis," she said. "The fresh snow that fell overnight had been taken off by the others and had been replaced by sheets of ice."

Perrine Pelen, who started num-ber 15, did well to finish among the first 10, as did Anne-Flore Rey, her French compatriot who set off in 20th position.

Supergiant Statom

LA VILLA, Italy (AP) - Pirmin Zurbriggen won an experi-mental men's supergiant slalom race here Thursday. The race did not count for World Cup points, but was organized here to test a new discipline that might be in-cluded in the World Cup calendar beginning in 1983. Zurbriggen, an 18-year-old

Swiss, clocked a winning time of 2:18 minutes down a winding 2,600-meter course, which combined traditional downhill and giant slalom courses in one run.

"The course was extremely long and difficult," said Joël Gaspoz, who came in fifth. "I simply was not trained for it."

Jarle Halsnes of Norway praised the course after finishing sixth. "It is very spectacular and can be good both for downhillers and giant sialom specialists," he said. hope it is included in the World

Neither Phil Mahre nor Ingemar Stenmark, the top giant slalomists, participated.

Downhills Switched

BAD KLEINKIRCHHEIM, Austria (UPI) — Two women's downhill races, scheduled for Dec. 18 and 19, have been switched from this resoft to Szalbach, also in Austria, race organizers said

informed the International Ski Federation that they could not hold the races here because there is

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Irene Epple of West Germany, winner of the giant stalom race in Pila, Italy, flanked by Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein (6), the runner-up, and Tamara McKinney, the American who was third

Celtics Activate Ainge, Sell Jackson to Bulls

From Agency Dispatches
BOSTON — The Boston Celtics have activated rookie guard Danny Ainge and sold Tracy Jackson to the Chicago Bulls for an undis-closed amount of cash. The move was made less than three hours before the Celtics played the New Jersey Nets in a National Basketball Association game here

Wednesday night. The Celtics won, 109-100, with Ainge logging 10 minutes. He connected on 1 of 4 from the floor (inchiding a missed three-pointer) and generally looked in place. He had a couple of turnovers to go with an assist and a steal.

"I'm glad he got the chance to get in there," said the Celtic coach,

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Bill Fitch. "He'll be a good player It was good to get him acclimated because when Tiny [Archibald] gets back, the minutes will be few and far between."

All-America

Ainge, an All-America guard at Brigham Young last season, signed with the Celtics Nov. 27 after they reached a settlement with him and the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team, for whom Ainge played third base last season. The terms of the contract were not announced. Jackson, a rookie guard from Notre Dame, saw limited action

this season. Ainge, 22, was the 31st player taken in the draft last June. He was available because it was widely believed around the NBA that he would stick to baseball and not play pro basketball. But after three mediocre seasons with Toronto, Ainge decided he wanted to switch

careers.

The Blue Jays, who paid Ainge a \$300,000 bonus, went to court to prevent the Celtics from negotiating with Ainge. The baseball club originally demanded \$1 million in compensation from the Celtics to free Ainge, but then lowered that figure, reportedly by half, while permitting the negotiations to re-sume. The Riue Jays said Ainge was allowed to keep his bonu money, even though he had offered to pay it back.

Standing Ovation

Ainge's first appearance as a Celtic, with 1:47 left in the half, prompted a standing ovation. He saappeared to start the fourth period, and his only basket, a bank shot with 4:10 to play off the fastbreak, brought more applause.

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GREAT BRITAIN

NHL Standings

Sparse Crowd Expected for Davis Cup Final the 15,700-seat Riverfront Colise- U.S. team is the indoor court sur-

nis team is favored to defeat Argentina in the Davis Cup final, and team captain Arthur Ashe is disap-pointed that a capacity crowd will not be on hand to cheer the Ameri-

Because of steep ticket prices,

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Witnipes 3, Toronto 3 (Lindstrom (10), Lu-loudch (15), Bobych (8); Volve (14), Sittler 2

empty when the three-day event opens Friday. Two singles matches will be played Friday, a doubles will be played on a fast, artificial match on Saturday and two more carpet called "Supreme Court." singles matches Sunday.

Gene Michael (left) congratulates Bob Lemon on being named to manage the New York Yankees baseball team in 1982. Mi-

chael, who was fired as the Yankee manager during the 1981 season, was given an extended contract to manage in 1983.

The U.S. team is led by John McEnroe, the No. 1 ranked player in the world. McEnroe will play singles and will team up in the doubles with Peter Fleming, Hardserving Roscoe Tanner and Eliot Wednesday's Results
Chicago 7, Woshington 3 (Hispins (12), Lysiak
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Storpley (5); Woller (14), Robertson (3), Gustelsann (7)). Teltscher make up the rest of the U.S. team.

Argentina, appearing in its first Davis Cup final, is headed by Guillermo Vilas and José-Luis Clerc. Ricardo Caon and Eduardo Benguiches round out the team.

Fast Surface

"No question, we're the favorite," said Ashe, the non-playing U.S. captain. "We're not heavily favored, but I'd say the odds are about 8-5 in our favor."

Hartford S. St. Louis 1 (Howard 15), Stoughton 2 (20). Froncis 2 (6): Softer (14)). Vancouver 4, N.Y. Islanders 3 (Smyl (16), Bol-drev 2 (18), Broson (5): Trottler (12), Boome (14), Merrick (7)). The reason for favoring the United States is McEnroe. The Edmonton S, Lot Anseles 5 (Hughes 2 (13), Gretzky (22), Bosek (15), Messler (22); Bosek 3 (15), Toylor (17), Lamley (13)). combative left-hander is being counted on to win both of his singles matches. He and Fleming, moreover, produce one of the finest doubles teams in the world. Another factor in favor of the lately ape."

fare better on slow-playing, natu-ral clay courts, the Davis Cup final

Ashe said he was disappointed in lagging ticket sales. Tickets for all three days cost \$80, \$65 and \$50. Single session tickets are \$30, \$25 and \$20. Despite a month-long ticket-selling campaign, many resi-dents of Cincinnati said that prices were too high.

"Davis Cup is a big deal around the world," said Ashe, who for 10 years played in Davis Cup matches around the globe and knows that big, cheering crowds can make a difference. "Part of the reason I lost two matches in Ecuador was because of the screaming Ecuado-rians. It was the same story in Brazil and Spain.

"You just don't know how much other countries want to beat the United States, whether it's pingpong or tiddly-winks. They envy us. They're jealous of us. They resent us. They want to beat us. And when they do, they go abso-

he found the Yankees' managerial naneuvering incredible, he said: 'I can see what you mean. But it is

By Murray Chass New York Times Service
HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — After
announcing that Bob Lemon
would be their manager in 1982,
the New York Yankees said that
Gene Michael would be their man-Gene Michael would be their man-

ager from 1983 through 1985. The announcements, were made in the absence of George Steinbrenner, the team's principal owner. When Lemon said at a news conference late Tuesday that he wanted to manage for only one more year, Michael was immediately expected to be the logical successor. As it turned out, Michael already knew that he would be the succes-

"George called me yesterday and told me what he had in mind, Michael said Wednesday at a news conference at the Diplomat Hotel, site of baseball's winter meetings. "He has a pretty strong mind. I agreed with it. I liked the idea."

Children's Game

At a briefing several hours after the news conference, Steinbrenner said that Michael was never really out of the Yankee picture. "It's like a child doing something bad at the dinner table," he said. "You send him to bed without dinner, but he's back down for breakfast in the morning.

Michael, who was dismissed Sept. 6 before he could complete his first year as manager, becomes the third manager Steinbrenner has named for a second term Billy Martin and Lemon were the first

two. When someone asked Michael if

happening and it's real."

The Yankees' latest announce-

Yankees Keep Lemon, Rehire Michael for 1983

ment was not unlike that made July 29, 1978, which said that Martin, who had resigned under fire only five days earlier, would return

Transactions

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SEATTLE MARINERS—Traded Dan Meyer, third baseman-auffielder, to the Ookland A's for Rich Bordl, pitcher, Traded Rusty McNeaty, outled And Tim Haltpren, pitcher, to the Ookland A's for Ray Thomas, pitcher, to the Ookland Ray Thomas, pitcher, to the Ookla

National League CHICAGO CUBS—Designated Atlike Lym, outtelder, and Steve Ditland, infleider, for reassign-

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of Alexandria. STLOUIS CARDINALS—Acquired Eric Rosmossen, pitcher, from Yucoton of the Alexa-cum League; and Vicente Roma, pitcher, from Controcoolics of the Mexicon Leopue, and as signed them to Lousiville of the internationa

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BASKETBALL

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BOSTON CELTICS—Activated Danny Ainge, guard. Sold the contract of Trocy Jockson, guard to the Chicage Bulls.

KANSAS CITY KINGS—Placed Joe C. Marriweather, center, on the Injured list. Activated Hawkeye Whitney, forward, from the injured list.

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er, on the injured reserve list. HOCKEY Motional Hockey League
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here considerations.

League Approves Sale Of Phillies Franchise

The Associated Press HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - The National League has unanimously ap-proved the sale of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team to a group headed by Bill Giles, son of the late National League president Warren Giles. The vote was taken Thursday at the annual winter baseball meetings here.

The former team owner, Ruly Carpenter, made the request and it was quickly approved, 11-0. Giles, executive vice president of the Phillies under Carpenter since 1972, put together a group that purchased the team in October for \$30.175 million. as manager in 1980. This time it took three months and three days to appoint Michael for his second

Martin returned earlier than planned, replacing Lemon in June, 1979, when Lemon was dropped. What chance was there of Mi-chael's returning earlier than planned to replace Lemon next

"I wouldn't care how the team is doing," Steinbrenner said. "I'm not going to make a change in 1982 unless it's dictated by something other than how the team is doing." He said, for example, that he would have no control over Lemon's health. Lemon is 61.

For his part, Lemon, who has managed the Yankees in parts of 1978, 1979 and 1981, said: "I want to know if I can go nine. George wants to know if I can go nine. That means going a full year. I've been the Goose Gossage of mana-

do it with a two-year extension to the three-year contract he signed when he became the manager in 1981. The extension, Michael said, was Steinbrenner's idea. "He asked me if that's the way I think it should be," Michael said.

When Michael returns, he will

"and that's the way I think it should be."

When Michael was dismissed, he said he did not think that was the way it should be. His dismissal came after he publicly told Steinbrenner to stop threaten drop him. "I'm smarter now." Mi-chael said. "I think I've learned a few things. You can't say some of the things I did and not expect to

have problems. We've had some

problems, but I don't expect to have them again."

Was he compromising himself by agreeing to manage again? "No," Michael said, "because I want to manage. I felt badly about the way it ended. I don't like to say things about people and feel that the friendship might have been damaged. He feels he was tougher on me than he was on other managers. I think he was rougher on me. think things have been worked

out and they will be better."

Next season Michael will scout the other American League teams. He said he preferred that role to working in the front office, as he

Goal Scoring In NHL Reaches 38-Year High

The Associated Press
MONTREAL — Goal production in the first quarter of the National Hockey League's 80-game season is at its highest in 38 years, the league announced. The 21 NHL teams scored 1,685 goals through the first 210 games, an average of 8.02 goals a game. The last time it was that high was in 1943-44, when the red line was introduced.

The overall average for last season was 7.7 goals a game but through one-fourth of the 1980-81 campaign it was 7.5 — meaning that scoring is up more than a half-goal per game

Sutcliffe Dealt to Indians; Herndon to Join the Tigers

Angeles Dodgers have traded Rick
Sutcliffe, the 1979 National
League Rookie of the Year, to the
League two years ago. Cleveland Indians with infielder Jack Perconte. In return, the Dodgers received outfielder Jorge Orta and a pair of minor leaguers
— catcher Jack Fimple and pitcher Larry White.

Sutcliffe, a 25-year-old right- games. handed pitcher, asked the Dodgers to trade him last September after he was left off the post-season roster following a mediocre regular

It was one of three major league trades completed Wednesday at the annual winter baseball meetings here. In other deals, San Francisco traded outfielder Larry Herndon to the Detroit Tigers for pitchers Dan Schatzeder and Mike Chris, and Seattle sent third baseman-outfielder Dan Meyer to the Oakland A's for pitcher Rich Bor-

The Dodgers-Indians trade gives 1977. M Los Angeles a much needed left- season.

handed bat and some extra bench HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — The Los strength. It also enables Cleveland was one of the best in the National

League two years ago. Sutcliffe was a 17-game winnerfor the Dodgers during his rookie season but slumped badly the previous two years. This past season he managed only a 2-2 record with a 4.02 earned run average in 14

In Herndon, the Tigers are receiving a 31-year-old speedster with a 267 lifetime batting average and are giving up a pitcher who was a disappointment to them since being acquired from Montreal for Ron LeFlore in 1979.
Schatzeder, 27, was only 6-8 with a
6.08 earned run average last year
after winning 19 games for Montreal in 1978. Chris was assigned to the Giants' Phoenix Triple-A farm club in the Pacific Coast League. By letting Meyer go, the Mar-iners have broken their last player link to the expansion season of 1977. Meyer, 29, batted .262 last

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Serious Conservatives

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK - Conservatives aren't as nice as they used to be. Being in charge of things has taken a lot of the joy out of them. I

Until they got elected, conservatives used to be a lot of fun to spend an evening with. Certainly a lot more fun than liberals. Liberals

are people whose hearts are in the right place, and I admire that, but it's always heavy going socially. Sooner or later, liberals are going to start poking around to find if your heart's in

the right place too. If it isn't,

they're going to try to relocate it for you.

Liberals can't seem to have a good time with you until they are satisfied that your views on the Humphrey-Hawkins bill coincide with theirs. It's no good telling them that you don't know what the Humphrey-Hawkins bill is, because they'll stop everything and

Have you ever spent a nice, sociable evening having the Hnmphrey-Hawkins bill explained to you? This is why I started several years ago spending the pleasurable hours with conservatives. Conservative food, conservative drink, conservative cigars and conservative conversation were always superior to the liberal variety.

Best of all, conservatives' hearts were not in the right place. They agreed that all men are created equal, of course, but recognized that this condition always changes dramatically a few moments after the creation.

Naturally, they deplored the vice of human greed, but it didn't prevent them from enjoying pleasures unique to the upper brackets. Conservatives took the attitude that though man may be perfect-ible, the perfecting would not be done in the present millennium; in the meantime, why stew and fuss about man's resistance to being perfected when a canny fellow could spend his time making the most of an unhappy social situa-

The superior conversation came out of the conservative's realiza-tion that his heart was not really in the right place. A man who

suspects he is not altogether sure of admission into paradise is always more entertaining than the fellow who knows for certain that the angels are itching to welcome

All this has changed since conservatives became the people's choice. Now conservatives behave the way liberals used to. Getting elected seems to have persuaded them that their hearts are in the right place, after all.

Since the people have finally come to their senses conservatives are not only pleased about having their hearts in the right place, but also scornful of people whose hearts aren't

Those evenings when you could get away from liberals and have a nice time with conservatives are becoming rare. Drop by a conservative's house for a soirce nowadays and there are bound to be two or three people there who never

You have dropped in expecting the finest cognac in town, a cigar slyly obtained from the detestable but nonetheless cigar-blessed Ha-vana and an hour of restorative lip about the human comedy, and what do you get? "Where is your heart these

days?" I never have the nerve to answer, "In the right place." I want my heart to be in the right place, but it rarely is. Liberals have taught me that over the years. I don't want to be caught lying to these fierce conservatives. Say, "I don't know where it is these days," and they insist on locating it immediately. Prayer, abortion, supply-side

economics, auto-exhaust emissions, nuclear power, water pollu-tion. Caribbean dictatorships, etc. I'd just as soon spend an evening having the Humphrey-Hawkins bill explained to me one more

Don't get me wrong. I admire earnestness. Nobody ever succeeds in public life without being earnest. Attila the Hun was earnest. Liberals have always been earnest. Now that conservatives have finally discovered earnestness, it looks as if there's no stopping them.

Uh-oh, here comes one now. If I don't get out of here fast he'll tell me why the Laffer curve is the only possible solution and the Humphrey-Hawkins bill a creation of Satan. And not even a dollop of good cognac to wash it down with. New York Times Service

My Nephew Roald

Author Dahl Finds Children's Books More Profitable

By Nancy Mills tional Herald Tribuni

GREAT MISSENDEN, England — Does Roald Dahl write for children or for adults? His short stories in The New Yorker over 40 years have been short, sweet tales of greed and lust. His books like "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" have enthralled millions of children.

The hell with adults! says Dahl perversely and paradoxically. Though his scandalously sexy novel "My Uncle Oswald" is out in paperback, Dahl doesn't plan any followups. His wicked imagination is in the full-time service of children's literature. His nine volumes so far for kiddies have considerably

eased his worries about money.

"There are so few good children's books," he says, trying to settle his 6-foot-6 frame comfortably in a chair in the Georgian farmhouse in Buckinghamshire where he lives with his wife, the actress Patricia Neal, and three of their four children.

"As a parent, by the time you've given your children 20 or 30 of the best you know, you're in a vacuum. There simply aren't enough good books to hold children. I'm probably more pleased with my children's books than with my adult short stories. Children's books are harder to write. It's tougher to keep a child interested because a child doesn't have the concentration of an adult. The child knows the television is in the next room. It's tough to hold a child, but it's a lovely thing to try to do."

In the Garden Shed

Dahl does all his writing in a garden shed in the backyard. "No one goes in there but me. The place hasn't been cleaned in eight years. Recently our nanny goat got in there and left droppings all over the floor. I thought, well that's going a bit far, so I swept them up. But I left the cobwebs. It's a cosy

Every morning about 10 he heads for the nest and doesn't emerge until lunchtime. He sits at his desk or stretches out on the floor with a blanket wrapped around his legs and

composes in longhand.
"I can't conceive of anyone working on a typewriter," he says. "Writing is fiddling with words, with a pencil and an eraser. In my youth, when I knew Hemingway pretty well. I was naive enough to be astounded he did all that. He'd rewrite, rewrite, rewrite, molding it, getting it right. Then in the end if you do it right, it looks as though you've just dashed it off in one go because it reads so easily --- short, clean, neat and crisp."

Dahl, 65, showed no writing promise as a child, when he attended some of Britain's most exclusive boarding schools. His parents were Norwegian, but he was born in Wales. It wasn't until he was injured in a Royal Air Force plane crash during World War II and

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reassigned to Washington as assistant air attache that the opportunity arose.

The novelist C.S. Forester invited him to lunch one day so he could interview Dahl about his war experiences. Dahl offered to jot down some notes and send them to Forester to use as he wanted. Two weeks later came a laudatory note from Forester. Also enclosed was a check for \$900 from the Saturday Evening Post, which had bought it.

Change to Fiction

"The next story I wrote was fiction." Dahl said. "Don't ask me why." He sold that and dozens more to U.S. magazines. He became friendly with people like Ernest Hemingway. He went to dinners at Lillian Hellman's.

One night at Heliman's he met Patricia Neal. Her affair with Gary Cooper had recently broken up and she was working on Broadway. It was the beginning of a happy yet strife-torn relationship.

The Dahls are devoted to each other, but

from the first there has been a struggle over who's boss. Neal usually gives in, but not before she gets her two cents in. They laugh a lot. It's a game they both enjoy playing.
Their 28 years together have included a
number of tragedies. Their oldest daughter,
Olivia, died at 7 of measles. Not long before,

their baby son Theo had been hit by a taxi

and suffered brain damage. He needed eight operations before he could live a normal life. In 1965, two years after she had won an Academy Award for her role in "Hud," Neal suffered three strokes, leaving her partiy par-alyzed and unable to speak. Dahl forced her to begin to live again. Within two years she had recovered enough to return to acting in the movie "The Subject Was Roses."

"The Patricia Neal Story" is a moving one, and it was screened on U.S. televison this week. Glenda Jackson portrays Neal, and Dirk Bogarde, Dahl. The film covers the period from when Neal had the strokes until she returned to acting in 1968.

Dahl has some sharp and unprintable things to say about the movie business and directors in particular. His tangles with Hollywood have come mostly in connection with his screenplays. "Nobody writes screenplays except for money. You don't do it otherwise. I don't need money now, so I don't do

After a film treatment of Ian Fleming's "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," he sold "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" to Hollywood in 1970 and the memory still pains him. "If I'd known what I know now, I'd have had the director approval, actor approval, script ap-proval. I didn't." Gene Wilder played candy magnate Willy Wonka. Says Dahl, "Flop-

Two years ago temptation came anew, this time from Anglia Television, which wanted to make a series from his short stories, of



Writer Dahl: The hell with adult books.

which he now had five slim volumes. The resulting series, "Tales of the Unexpected," was seen last year on U.S. television.

Dahl resurrected a character from one his short stories whom he bills "the greatest fornicator of all time," for his only adult novel.
"My Uncle Oswald," he says, is a parody, "a
send-up, to make sex funny. Sex actually is
such a crazy, clumsy, half-marvelous, halfterrible thing that the only way to treat it is to be funny."

Dahl doesn't feel the pressure he did when

medical bills almost bankrupted the family. He has enough salted away to drive to a London casino at least once a week. "I go more often when Par's away," he says gleefully. "I love it. Pat doesn't like gambling, so I can't

enjoy myself when she's at my elbow."

Meanwhile, "George's Marvelous Medicine" was published this year, and "Dirty Beasts," a coffee-table book of verse with each poem illustrated by a specially commissioned oil painting, is due next year. It's "a parody on each of the famous fairy tales like 'Cinderella' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' If you take a look at the facts as writ-ten, Goldilocks was a rude little thief."

PEOPLE: Dinosaur-Handed Dinosaur-Hunter Returns

of a dinosaur-like animal has returned with accounts of what might be a new species of snake and of strange footprints in the jungle, but without finding the logendary mokele-mbembe. However, back in his office at the University of Chicago, he said that he was "more convinced now than ever of the animal's existence in the swampy Ubangi-Congo basin. Mackal, a 56-year-old research associate in biology, said the highlight of the six-week expedition was finding huge footprints and a wide swath of bent and flattened vegetation. The track led into a river. The size of the rather indistinct footprints were comparable with those of an elephant. Mackal said, but the manner in which the brush was flattened suggested that the trail had been broken by the tail of a huge reptile. If so, he added, it was much taller and larger than any known crocodile. According to reports by missionaries and explorers over the last century, the animal known as mokele-mbembe seemed to be "half-elephant, half-dragon." It was described as being brownish gray with a body the size of an elephant, but with a long and flexible neck and a muscular tail like that of a crocodile.

The Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome conferred an honorary degree of medicine on Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her charity work in India. The university, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the foun of its medical school, cited Mother Teresa"s "tireless and devoted" service for the sick.

Surgery on Lisa H., a 21-year-old student with neurofibromatosis, commonly known as Elephant Man's disease, was completed with apparent success at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Linton A. Whitaker, the principal plastic surgeon, said that surgery went well. The disorder was named for a 19th-century victim, John Merrick, who was known as the Elephant Man and whose story has been told in books, on stage and in the movies. Although thousands are afflicted with the disease, Lisa's case was extraordinarily severe in its disfiguring of her face. Her doc-tors and she chose what they knew to be a risky and radical procedure

Dr. Roy P. Mackal, the U.S. biol-ogist who went to Africa in search A team of surgeons removed in A team of surgeons removed tu-mors from her head and face. They removed her diseased left eye and rebuilt her nose. They also did cranial surgery. A spokesman for the hospital reported that the hospital had been "inundated by telephone calls from well-wishers, of fering books, records, audio equipment and money."

Balloonists Mayle Anderson and
Don Ida visited Prime Minister India Gandhi of India prior to starting final preparations for the resumption of their round-the world flight. "She wished us good linek and asked about the flight times," said Anderson. Anderson and Ida are on route to Jamus India and Ide are en route to Jaipur, India, where they hope to relaunch their helium-filled balloon Jules Verne and resume their eastward flight. The attempt to circle the globe started last Feb. 12 in Luxor, Egypt, and ended in a forced land. ing in northern India two days later when a leaking vent kept the 20story balloon from gaining enough altitude to cross the Himalayas, The relaunching depends on the weather, but could come Sunday.

Buckingham Palace has asked the British press to curb the hordes of photographers and reporters around Diana, Princers of Wales now that she is expecting. Michael Shea, palace press secretary, told a group of editors that the 20-year-old former kindergarten teacher is under "great strain" because of the constant media attention and urged the editors to reduce their coverage. The problem has in-creasingly become of concern to The problem has inthe queen and other members of the royal family over recent months," Shea said.

Cardinal John P. Cody, subject of a federal investigation for alleged misuse of church funds, received standing ovation following a Mass that marked his golden jubilee in the priesthood. I never thought I'd live to see 50 years in the priest hood," Cody told the gathering of 900, including 147 fellow bishops in Mundelein, Ill. "These 50 year have been happy ones, though at times filled with some disappointments. And, as you know, we've been in the news these days. Cody, 73, alluded to reports min ated in the Chicago Sun-Times that he is under investigation for allegedly diverting up to \$1 million in church funds to Helen Dolan Wilson, a cousin by marriage.

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